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Large Japanese Gains Wiped Out In New Attack

Shanghai, To-day.

Dramatic success of Chinese arms in the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway is indicated in reports from trustworthy sources, which reveal that a Chinese counter-offensive swept everything before them to within two miles of Pengpu, before the drive was halted.

Japanese official reports admit that desperate fighting is now taking place within two miles of the railway town, stating that the battle has been raging for more than thirteen hours.

They claim that the Chinese attack has been repulsed.

The claim, however, is tacit admission that a tremendous amount of ground has been lost by the Japanese in the last two days of fighting, as a spectacular advance was necessary to bring the Chinese troops within such close proximity to Pengpu.—Our Own Correspondent.

POLAND'S 48-HOUR ULTIMATUM

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish Government has addressed a Note to the Lithuanian Government containing terms for settlement of the present dispute.

From Paris comes a message quoting a report from Kaunas (the Lithuanian capital) that Poland had given Lithuania 48 hours in which to comply with the terms laid down in the Note.

The Note reached the Lithuanian Government at 10 o'clock last night, and contains six demands.

The Lithuanian Cabinet met immediately after receiving the Note.—Reuter.

Warsaw, To-day.

Although the Polish Government still declines to reveal the nature of the steps which it has decided to take in the dispute with Lithuania, it is learned from a reliable source that they consist exclusively of a diplomatic character.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

It is also learnt that preventive military measures taken by Poland during the last few days have, in part, been countermanded, although official confirmation of this cannot be obtained.

The Polish demands, it is stated, can be summed up under two heads.

Firstly, unconditional recognition by Lithuania of the territorial status quo, and

Secondly, unqualified inauguration of normal inter-state relations between Lithuania and Poland in respect of diplomatic representation as well as postal and frontier communications.

ADVICE TO LITHUANIA?

In the meantime, Polish circles are inclined to take a more optimistic view of the effect of the latest Polish Note to Lithiania, particularly as Lithuania is believed to have been advised by several Powers, including France, to avoid doing anything that might again increase tension.—Trans-Ocean.

LITHUANIAN OFFER REJECTED

Paris, To-day.

The Polish Government has rejected a Lithuanian proposal for appointment of a mixed commission to study the frontier question, stating that it gives insufficient guarantees for maintenance of peace in the future.

Poland demands appointment of a Lithuanian representative in Warsaw before March 31.—Reuter.

BARCELONA CABINET DECISION

Barcelona, To-day.

The Cabinet, under the presidency of the Premier, Senor Juan Negrin, has decided to "adopt necessary measures against such enemy terrorist efforts as have been experienced in Barcelona."

All Ministers expressed the intention to follow up the struggle until ultimate victory is attained. — Reuter.

FRANCE VIEWS OF CHAMBERLAIN POLICY

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's Commons statement on Spain, and Signor Mussolini's declaration on the Austro-German anschluss, are the main topics of discussion in the editorial columns of Paris newspapers.

"Le Petit Journal" stresses that the British Prime Minister's categorical refusal to intervene on behalf of Republican Spain, and his insistence on the fact that General Franco's victory would not imply a danger to Spanish independence.

Referring to the division which gave the Government a majority of 173 in the Commons, "Petit Parisien" says "The cause of non-intervention has again triumphed."

"Le Populaire" criticises Mr. Chamberlain's attitude and says that Downing Street still does not understand the international situation.—Trans-Ocean.

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A PARIS FASHION LETTER

Daring Paris Prints

Originality Of Weave In Fragile Fabrics

When fashion experts saw the midseason collections, they were all struck by the fact that prints, even for the Spring models, were conspicuous by their absence. Some houses used a few of them; many, including Vionnet, not one. But it was a different story that the silk collections told. On these the new Spring mode will be largely based, and while they included little novelty in the weave, they showed a great variation in pattern. Prints are of all sorts and all sizes; some are so original as to be almost audacious; some are as many-hued and as artfully designed as an easel picture.

Flowers, as usual in the Spring, are the leading motif; they have everything to do with the case. This year they often take on giant proportions. Ducharne, for example, sprays a giant wheat-ear in yellows over a navy base of crepe de chine, or prints a huge dandelion "clock" in fine black outline on white. Combier scatters great single cyclamen blooms, their petals modelled in half a dozen shades, over a dark crepe ground. Coudurier blends a number of faded colours in a design of gigantic poppies and daisies, or strews ribbon cockades as big as dinner plates on white or black organdie.

Of course, flowers are also used in their natural size, or else reduced to tiny proportions and often arranged in conventional patterns, diagonals, checks, plaids or stripes. They appear as single blossoms, sprays, or in spaced bouquets; or they are massed in all-over designs, like tapestry, that cover the entire base; sometimes as many as forty or fifty different colour blocks are used in their printing.

FUN IN PATTERNS

Amusing little motifs are not lacking. Several houses make prints of lucky charms, elephants, pigs, horseshoes, and even of a hangman's noose, in accordance with that gruesome French tradition that there is nothing so lucky as a bit of rope used for a hanging. Bianchini has an arrangement of small lighted windows with people silhouetted in them on a night-blue crepe ground. Ducharne shows a brilliant pattern made of luggage labels.

Combier has the most original designs of all. He produces "scenic" prints, like wallpaper, showing the flower market at the Madeleine, or illustrations from "Paul et Virginie," and the immortal "Musketeers." One of his series of lovely prints was inspired by the collection of old illuminated manuscripts and missals exhibited at the Bibliotheque Nationale last Summer in connection with the exposition. Oddest of all, he has taken old French sayings ("Souvent femme varie," for example) and written them in those attenuated letters that must be seen from a sharp angle to be read; viewed from a little distance, they seem to make a design in square blocks.

GAY-COLOURED TULIPS. Slap-dashed on a black crepe background in the proper 1938 manner are gay-coloured tulips. This dress, worn by Rosalind Russell, M.G.M. star, is simple in design . . . its only features being a full shoulderline and front flare in skirt. A velvet ribbon ties in a tailored bow at the back.

GOSSAMER WEAVES

As to weaves, the greatest originality is expressed in the fragile fabrics, the organdies and chiffons in particular. It would seem as if the houses were in the confidence of the weather man and had received inside information that promises a

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MARMALADE DISHES

Marmalade Charlotte—Slices of brown bread and butter, marmalade, 1 lemon, 1 egg, ½ pint milk, 1 dessertspoonful desicated coconut. Line a piedish with marmalade and coat with desiccated coconut. Fill dish with layers of bread and butter, with marmalade between and a squeeze of lemon juice. Mix beaten egg and milk. Pour over contents of dish. Bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes and serve hot.

Marmalade Mould—Mix 2 tablespoonfuls cornflour to a smooth paste with a little cold milk. Bring 1 pint new milk to the boil mix 2oz. caster sugar and ½oz. butter till melted, and pour over the cornflour boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in 2 tablespoonfuls marmalade, pour into wetted mould, and leave until the next day. Turn out and serve with orange jelly.

Marmalade and Currant Pudding—Grease a basin and decorate the sides with 2oz. raisins (halved). Mix 4oz. each breadcrumbs, chopped suet, sugar, ground rice with a pinch of salt, and 3 oz. currants. And 2 tablespoonfuls marmalade, 1 well-beaten egg, and sufficient milk to make right consistency. Put the mixture into a basin, cover with greased paper, and steam for 2 hours. Turn out and serve with marmalade sauce.

Rice Marmalade—Wash 2¼oz. rice and cook slowly in 1½ pints milk with ¾oz. sugar. When slightly cool, add 2 beaten eggyolks. Let skin form on top in piedish in oven. Spread with a few spoonfuls of marmalade. Pile stiffly-beaten egg-whites (mixed with 2 teaspoonfuls caster sugar) on top. Leave in the oven for a few minutes until lightly browned.

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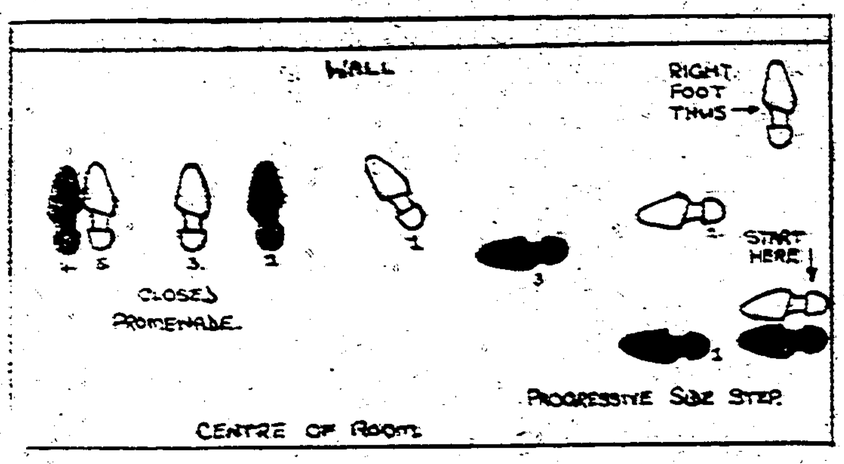


PROGRESSIVE SIDE STEP

A very simple movement which you can amalgamate easily with the Walk.

1. Step forward on the Left foot. Count Quick, half a beat.
2. Very short step to the side and slightly BACK with the Right foot. Keep knees close together here. Count Quick, half a beat.
3. Step forward again on the Left foot. Count Slow, 1 beat.

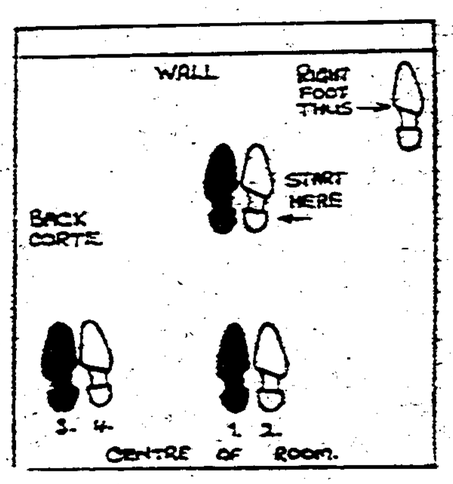
Take the side step on the flat foot with the outside edge of the foot reaching the floor first. This applies to both partners. Keep it smooth. Don't bounce or rise. As I always say to my pupils. "Stay down."

CLOSED PROMENADE

1. Take a walk step forward on the Right foot turning on it to the Right, and opening your partner into Promenade Position. This is done with a slight pressure of the Right hand, but mainly by almost rolling your partner away from you on your Right hip-bone.
2. Step to the side along Line of Dance with the Left foot. Count Slow 1 beat.
3. Cross the Right foot over the left foot on the Heel. Count Quick, half a beat.
4. Short step to the side on the heel of the Left foot. Count Quick, half a beat.
5. Close the Right foot to the Left foot. Count Slow, 1 beat.

The girl, having opened out, must turn back to her partner again on the second and third steps. For beginners I always count this step instead of Slow Quick Quick Slow —Slow, Turn, Back, Together. It is fashionable for the man to close his Right foot to his Left foot with the Right toe about 2 or 3 inches behind the Left toe. The girl's Left toe will be a corresponding amount in front of her Right toe.

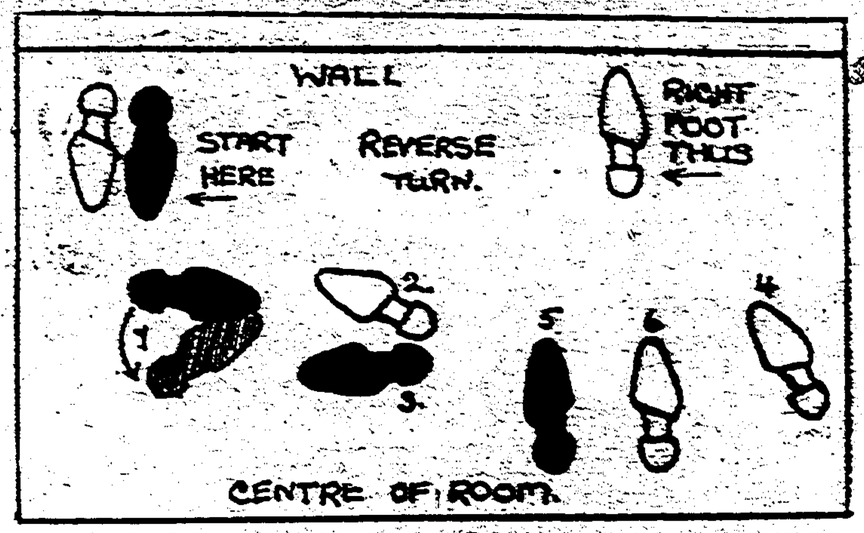
Now from this position do a—



BACK CORTE

1. Step back on the Left foot. Count Slow, 1 beat.
2. Step back on the Right foot. Count Quick, half a beat.
3. Short step to the side on the Left foot. Count Quick, half a beat.
4. Close the Right foot to the Left foot. Count Slow, 1 beat.

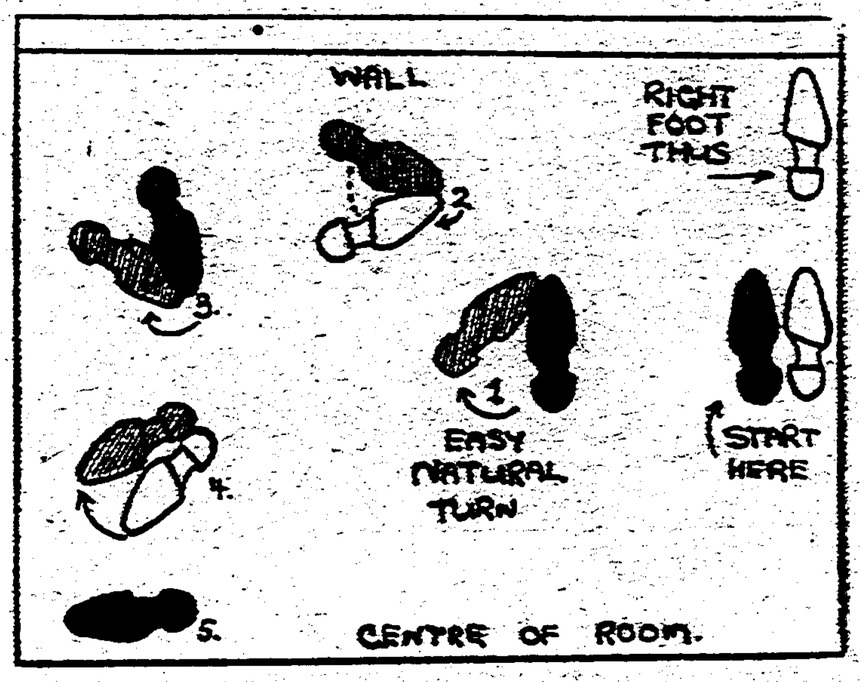
This may be done without turning, in which case you will remain facing the wall as at the end of your Promenade; or turning, in which case you turn the Right toe inwards as you step back on the Right foot. The turn is of course to the Left. If you elect to turn you will finish facing your Line of Dance, or if you happened to finish your Promenade near a corner, your new Line of Dance. If so, you may now step to the side and do another Promenade. Now do several walks forward curving them to the Left until you find yourself facing the centre of the room, and go into this simple form of—



REVERSE TURN

1. Always start Reverse turn facing the centre of the room. Step forward on the Left foot turning to the Left. Count Quick, half a beat.
2. Take a short step to the side on the Right foot still turning to the Left. Count Quick, half a beat.
3. Step back on the Left foot. You should now be back to your Line of Dance. Count Slow, 1 beat.
4. Step back on the Right foot turning on the Left. Count Quick, half a beat.
5. Take a short step to the side on the Left foot. Count Quick, half a beat.
6. Close the Right foot to the Left foot. Count Slow, 1 beat.

You should now be facing the Right Hand Wall.



AN EASY NATURAL TURN

1. Step to the side along Line of Dance with the Left foot, at the same time opening your partner to Promenade Position. Count Slow, 1 beat.
2. Cross the Right foot over the Left foot turning well to the Right. Count Quick, half a beat.
3. Step back on the Left foot still turning to the Right. Count Quick, half a beat.
4. Step forward on the Right foot still turning to the Right. Count Slow, 1 beat.
5. Tap the Left foot to the Right foot, and immediately step on it to the side, opening to the Promenade Position again. Count Slow, 1 beat.

Now do 2, 3, and 4 of the Closed Promenade.

Practice the Tango daily, and you should soon be able to dance it correctly, gracefully and with a self-confidence which comes from a practical knowledge of all its rhythmic intricacies and graceful variations.

If you are in doubt on any point, please write to me c/o the Editor of this Journal enclosing a Stamped Addressed Envelope.

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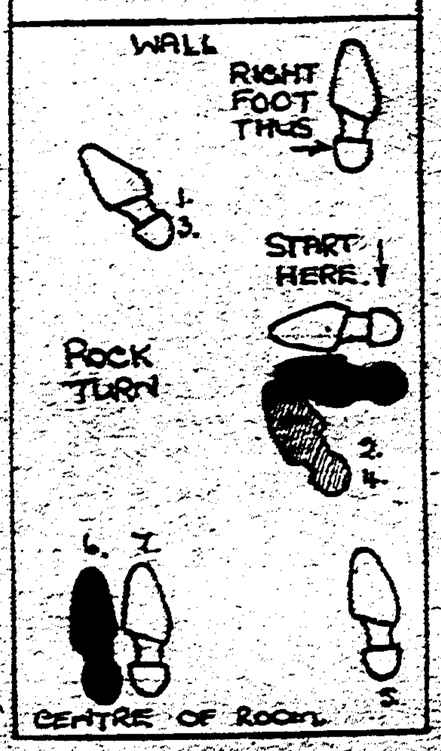

THE ROCK TURN

1. Step forward on the Right foot diagonally to the Right Hand Wall

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hot Summer. They are all concentrating on gossamers for 1938! Among Bianchini's famous organzas, or silk organdies, there is a new heavy weave, called superorganza, said to be almost uncrushable. It is shown in plain colours, printed or plaided. One of his new organzas, with a two-inch check in drawnwork, is designed to be used for ethereal evening frocks over a different coloured silk lining—a fashion that is reminiscent of the early Nineteen Hundreds, when a debutante had to have an organdie over coloured taffeta or feel entirely out of the picture.

Coudurier has several unusual gossamer organdies; one is woven like a thin voile; then there is a chiffon novelty which, though it is as thin as tissue paper, resembles a tussore. Combier has a new, deeply crinkled or "dimpled" chiffon called violezzas. It is "faconne," like damask, and frequently is printed as well. All the designers in Paris have ordered this chiffon, often in exclusive pattern or colourings. One of the prettiest has an all-over design of life-sized tulips; the flower is woven into the thin base and kept all white. It is then printed, the petals in thick paintlike white and the sword-shaped leaves in fresh green. Combier also shows a great single rose, the short stem and leaves drawn in black or white outline, while the flower is woven in thicker threads.

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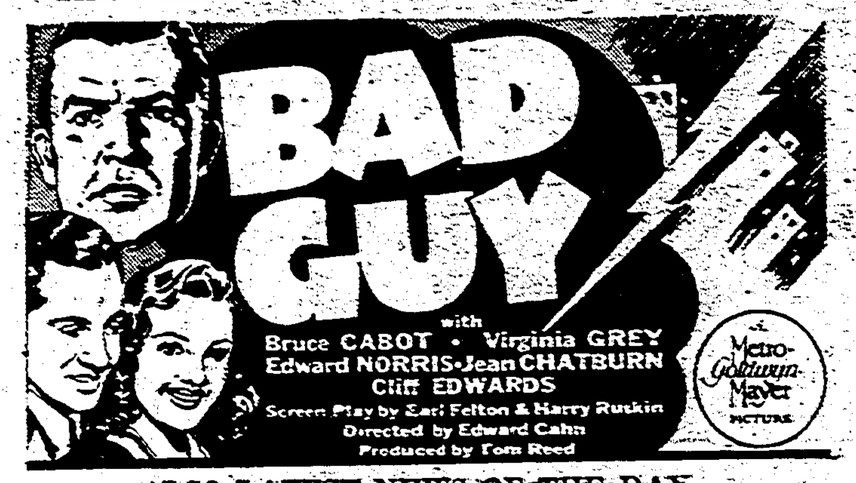

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INCENDIARY BOMBS MAY BE GIVEN PRACTICAL TESTS IN HONG KONG SOON

That the main task confronting Air Raid Precaution officers was the necessity of educating householders to take the necessary steps to protect themselves, was stressed to the "China Mail" by Wing Comdr. Steele-Perkins, Hong Kong's new A. R. P. officer, in an exclusive interview this morning.

He mentioned the possibility of practical demonstrations in the Colony of the effects of incendiary bombing.

Wing Comdr. Steele-Perkins, who arrived in the Colony yesterday, was specially retired from the Royal Air Force in 1932 when he was appointed to the special commission of Imperial Defence in London to study every aspect of Air Raid Precautions. He served in conjunction with Wing. Comdr. Hodsell, Inspector-General. A. R. P.

In 1935 the Government made this into a special department under the Home Office and local authorities were asked to co-operate on a monetary basis.

As time went by, the great deal of expense in which the local authorities were involved, resulted in them approaching the Government for grants-in-aid, which, after a good deal of bargaining, was agreed upon, Government now assisting to the extent of between 50 and 60 per cent. of the total cost.

Local authorities then set up A. R. P. sub-committees in borough and urban districts and, in many cases, even in Parish Councils. In most of these districts there is now a specially-appointed A. R. P. officer who is responsible for preparing A. R. P. schemes and co-ordinating various schemes prepared by adjoining neighbours.

CO-ORDINATION SCHEMES

These schemes are then sent to the County, who dove-tail all submitted by the local authorities into one co-ordinated whole.

"As is only to be expected," continued Wing Comdr. Steele-Perkins "there has been a tremendous demand for trained officers. Soon after the establishment of the department, I used to train these men myself.

"I would have them in my office for about a fortnight and then send them out to learn as much as possible about the practical side of things. Naturally this was a tremendously cumbersome business and now, in London, there is a special school to deal with the subject, known as the Air Raid Officers' Training School.

LONDON METHODS

Asked what methods were being adopted in London, as precaution against air raid, Wing Comdr. Steele-Perkins said that practically the whole issue rested with the householder. The main task was to train people to deal as expeditiously as possible with raids involving any of the following missiles:—

Gas
High-Explosive and
Incendiary

"I must confess that the latter presents the greatest problem, although it is fairly simple to deal with. I have brought out several incendiary bombs with me and I hope to be able to obtain the necessary permission to demonstrate their effect.

"One of the most striking illustrations of the simplicity with which they can be tackled was provided recently in England. An old two-storey house was requisitioned for the experiment. Two girls, who volunteered were given 20 minutes' instruction, the bomb was exploded in the top floor and they entered the building and had the whole thing under control in practically no time.

The answer is sand. A little crude you may think, but easily the most effective method we have discovered.

POPULAR MISCONCEPTION

A popular conception that in the event of a raid on London the underground tunnels for the Tube Railways would be made full use of, as in the last War, was exploded by Wing Comdr. Steele-Perkins.

"We went very thoroughly into this question when we first commenced our investigations," he said. "Tubes would be effective enough from bombs but the great danger lies in a direct hit on one of the stations.

"In this event owing to the many sewerage and water-pipes there would be grave danger of flooding and they would be virtual death-traps.

NO ANSWER TO DIRECT HIT

"As I have already said, the whole issue is decentralised to the householder. He obviously can't expect to do anything about a direct hit but he can be afforded a great deal of protection against blast and splinters. For instance, a brick wall 13½ inches thick will keep out bomb fragments bursting anywhere outside a radius of 50 feet.

"On the basis of one brick of 4½ inches being equivalent to the protection offered by one foot of sand, any shortcomings in the thicknesses of walls can be made up quite easily with sand-bags. Two feet, six inches of sand offers adequate protection.

Wing Comdr. Steele-Perkins went on to say that a cellar or basement was the safest place, although not proof against a direct hit, and the next best was the ground floor which could easily be made splinter and gas proof.

He concluded by stressing the importance of propaganda and appealed to the press for their fullest co-operation in this connection.

REBELS RALLY TO FLAG ON NEW THREAT

The latest reports received indicate that Pacifica' is still proceeding with the Mobilization of her Forces, says to-day's official communique on the Combined Operations.

Although the situation is undoubtedly serious every effort is being made to avoid a breach of diplomatic relations.

THE REVOLUTION IN SO FAR

News from So Far is, so far, so good.

The news of Pacifica's bellicose attitude has caused the most interesting repercussions in the Colony.

The rebels are everywhere surrendering to the Hong Kong troops and profess feelings of extreme loyalty to the Crown.

THEFTS OF MOTOR CARS

During the last two months no less than 23 motor cars have been reported stolen or moved from their parking places and except one, No. 2283, stolen recently, all have been recovered.

They were in all cases abandoned.

The thefts throw much work, not only on the traffic department, but on the Police in general and could be avoided if car owners would co-operate by closing their cars or removing the ignition keys when leaving their cars.

BRITISH EMBASSY NOT MOVING TO CHUNGKING

Chungking, To-day.

It is learned here that the British Embassy will be maintained in Shanghai while maintaining touch with Chinese Government headquarters by means of an office in which there will be at least one Embassy Secretary.

No effort is being made at the present time to find quarters for the British Embassy in Chungking, but the American Embassy is occupying the U.S. Naval Canteen building on the south bank of the Yangtsze, while the Soviet Embassy has taken larger premises on the outskirts of the town.

Other embassies are also making enquiries for accommodation.—Reuter.

EARL DE LA WARR HOME AGAIN

London, To-day.

Earl de la Warr, Lord Privy Seal, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday evening on his return from attending the 150th anniversary celebrations of the first settlement of Australia.—British Wireless.

CLOUSTON IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, To-day.

Flying Officer Clouston and Victor Ricketts landed at Singapore at 7.54 last evening (G.M.T.) on their record-attempting flight to Australia and New Zealand.—Reuter.

MANY JEWISH SUICIDES IN VIENNA: SIGMUND FREUD UNDER ARREST

Vienna, To-day.

The world-famous psychologist, Sigmund Freud, is believed to have been placed under arrest by the Nazis.

Reuter made enquiries at his home and was informed that nothing could be said regarding Freud. This is taken at confirmation of the report.

The persecution of Jews is intensifying almost hourly.

Frequent cases are being reported of persons, dressed at Nazis, entering Jewish shops and helping themselves to whatever their fancy dictates. Some of the cases authenticated reveal that even motor vans have been loaded with loot from Jewish shops.

As there exists no means of redress in any form, despair prevails among the Jews and there have been many suicides.—Reuter.

REICHSMARK LEGAL TENDER IN AUSTRIA

Berlin, To-day.

It is announced that the reichsmark has been declared the legal currency of Austria, together with the Austrian schilling.

The Reichsbank has taken over the Austrian National Bank, and the German Railways has taken over the Austrian Railways.

All Austrians living abroad may participate in the plebiscite on April 10.

Official interpretation of the decree concerning currency states that the ratio of three reichsmarks to two Austrian schillings was chosen by the Chancellor after a very careful investigation of existing economic conditions and with a view to aiding Austria.

The ratio will be valid in Austria as well as Germany.—Reuter.

GERMAN PRESS SAYS HALIFAX WAS WARNED

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister was asked in the Commons whether, in view of the statement published in the officially controlled German press, that Lord Halifax, during his recent visit to Berlin, was informed of Herr Hitler's intention to annex Austria, he would now state what were the subjects discussed by the German Chancellor and the present Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "I am not prepared to add anything to the statements which have already been made on the subject of the visit which the present Foreign Secretary made to Germany. With regard to the press reports referred to I invite the attention of the House to the statement made by the Foreign Secretary in the Lords yesterday which shows that these are inaccurate."—British Wireless.

H.M.S. BELFAST LAUNCHED

London, To-day.

Mrs. Neville Chamberlain, wife of the Prime Minister, performed the naming ceremony at the launch of H.M.S. Belfast, a new cruiser at the Harland and Wolff yard. Spectators included Lord Craigavon and the Ministers of the Northern Ireland Cabinet.—British Wireless.

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RICHARD WHITNEY EXPELLED

New York, To-day.

The Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange has expelled Mr. Richard Whitney, whose partners, Mr. Edwin Morgan Jr. and Mr. Henry Mygatt, have been suspended for three years.—Reuter.

A. R. P. OFFICER ARRIVES

Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, newly-appointed Air Raid Precautions Officer for Hong Kong, arrived in the Colony yesterday from London aboard the P. and O. liner Ranpura.

He is accompanied by Mrs. Steele-Perkins.

BLUM CALLS FOR NATIONAL UNITY IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The Chamber passed a note of confidence in the Blum Government by 369 votes to 196 and 40 abstentions last evening.

The Popular Front Parties voted for the Government as a solid bloc while the Right Wing parties voted against the government.

The Government declaration, read in the Chamber by the Premier, M. Leon Blum, and in the Senate by the Defence Minister, M. Edouard Daladier, deplores that the formation of a strong government representing all the Republican forces of the nation has proved impossible but stating that the new Popular Front Government will do everything in its power to promote national union and gather all forces of the nation around itself.

LOVE OF PEACE

With regard to foreign affairs the declaration once more stresses France's love of peace.

"We will endeavour to maintain and strengthen our existing friendships and alliances and sympathies," says the declaration, which says that peace, honour and liberty were always the most cherished possessions of the French nation.

The declaration then stresses that the aim of France is to rally all the peace-loving countries of the world around the banner of collective security. The declaration emphasises that financial, diplomatic and military problems to-day were closely interlocked, and points out that currency, credit and gold reserves are three equally important factors for power of France of which none should be sacrified to any of the others.

CALL TO DISCIPLINE

The declaration discusses the government's plans for bringing finances into order and for settlement of social problems, and finally appeals to the nation to co-operate with the government in solution of these problems by maintaining discipline and putting national welfare before selfish interests. — Trans-Ocean.

DEBATE POSTPONED

After having read the government declaration, the Prime Minister, M. Blum, once more addressed the Chamber to demand postponement of the debate on various interpellations regarding questions of general policy. He suggested that the debate should be postponed till Tuesday next week.

The Prime Minister again stressed that he would endeavour to form a government of national union at the earliest possible moment. He pointed out that France's inability to present a united front towards foreign nations was the most dangerous factor in the present situation.

"I implore you, to prevent war by realising the union of the French nation," the Prime Minister appealed to his audience. M. Blum discussed the possibility of bringing communists into the Cabinet.

COMMUNISTS' POSITION

He declared that the national union could not be accomplished unless Communists were included in the government although it would be of course also possible to form a government without Communists.

"Would a government without the Communists still be desirable in the event of a catastrophe? It is asserted that Communists obey the orders of a foreign nation. But if this is really so, is not the government of this nation the friend of France?"—Trans-Ocean.

THANK HITLER FUND

Berlin, To-day.

A sum of one million marks has been placed at the disposal of the official in charge of the organisation of the Austrian plebiscite and the Nazi Party in Austria.

The money, which is for the immediate use of the party members is to be derived from contributions to a "Thank Hitler Fund."—Reuter.

REPUBLICANS DENY INSURGENT CLAIMS

Paris, To-day.

Republican Spanish reports last night energetically deny Nationalist claims to have captured 15,000 prisoners during the offensive on the Aragon front, declaring that this figure is fantastic.

The Republican retreat on the Aragon front was orderly, the reports continue, which furthermore contradict the statement that the Republican troops were demoralised and that large quantities of war material had fallen into the enemy's hands.

Communiques from Madrid state that a violent artillery duel took place in the Carabanchiel sector, south of Madrid, yesterday afternoon.—Trans-Ocean.

SEVEN GERMAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Salzburg, To-day.

Seven German soldiers were killed and several seriously injured in an accident which occurred near Salzburg yesterday afternoon.

According to an account issued from headquarters in Vienna of the 8th Army Command, the accident occurred near Huettau. A motorized gun carriage skidded in the frozen road and turned over.—Trans-Ocean.

HEAVY LOSS

Mrs. E. Arnold, of Duke Street, has reported the loss of her hand bag containing money and jewellery to the value of $706 while shopping at the Singer Sewing Machine Co. in Queen's Road Central.

STRIKING OUTLINE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVE

Mr. Hull's Condemnation Of Isolationist Group

United States Cannot Evade Her Responsibilities

Washington, To-day.

Deep concern at the "rising tide of lawlessness, the growing disregard of treaties, the increasing reversion to the use of force, and numerous other ominous tendencies emerging in the sphere of international relations," was expressed by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in an address to the National Press Club yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull recalled the statement of the principles of American policy on July 16, 1937, in which the overwhelming majority of the Governments of the world joined in affirming faith.

He said the universal issue to-day was whether these principles would be vitalised and firmly established as the foundation of international order, or whether international anarchy, based on brute force, would inundate the world and ultimately sweep away the very bases of civilisation and progress.

Dealing with American rearmament, Mr. Hull emphasised that no policy would prove more disastrous than for an important nation to fail to arm adequately when international lawlessness was on the rampage.

PROPER RESPECT

In his considered judgment, in the present state of world affairs, to do less than now proposed would lay the United States open to unpredictable hazards, and would seriously restrict the United States' ability to command, without purpose or occasion for restoring to arms, a proper respect for its legitimate rights and interests, surrender of which would constitute abandonment of the fundamental principles of justice, morality and peace among nations.

Mr. Hull declared that the American Government pursued a world policy of non-interference, with ill will towards no nation, and a sincere desire to be friendly with all.

At the same time they endeavoured to afford appropriate protection to American citizens and interests everywhere.

MORAL INFLUENCE

They had sought in recent months to exercise a moral influence and to co-operate in every way practicable with all peace-seeking nations and to support the basic principles indispensable to promotion of stable peace.

They had affirmed on every possible occasion, and had urged on all nations, the supreme need of keeping alive and practising the sound fundamental principles of relations between civilised nations.

He emphasised that there was not the slightest intention of using the American armed forces to police the world, and equally there was not the slightest intention of abandoning the deep concern for, and the advocacy of, the establishment everywhere of international order under law based on well-recognised principles to which he had referred.

LOYALTY TO PRINCIPLES

They were profoundly convinced that the most effective contribution that they, as a nation sincerely devoted to the cause of peace, could make in the tragic conditions of mankind to-day, was to have the United States respected all over the world for its integrity, justice, goodwill, strength and unswerving loyalty to principles.

Referring to the suggestion for a popular referendum on the subject of declaring war, Mr. Hull asked "What warrant is there for the assumption that the Chief Executive and Congress are ever more likely and more eager to embark on war than the general body of citizens?"

On the other hand, adoption of the referendum plan would hopelessly handicap the Government in its conduct of foreign relations.

FAR EAST

Likewise dangerous from the viewpoint of preservation of peace was the proposal that the United States retire from the Far East.

Unfortunately, many people in this country wholly misunderstood the position and policy of our Government in relation to that situation.

Some have visualised only our trade and investment relationships with China, or our moral and cultural interests there, symbolised by missionary, educational, medical and similar activities.

Some had concentrated attention solely upon the incidental and exceptional facts of the existence of extraterritoriality and the maintenance of some armed forces to assist in safeguarding our nationals against possible mob violence and similar disorders—special rights which it is our policy to give up, and forces which it is our policy to withdraw the moment unusual conditions disappear.

BARCELONA AIR RAID TERROR

Barcelona, To-day.

Twenty-five were killed and eighty injured in a further air raid yesterday, when bombs were again dropped in the centre of the city and densely populated districts. A children's school was among the buildings hit.

The raiders are reported to have flown to Barcelona from Palma, Majorca.—Reuter.

ORDORLY PROCESSES

All these are important. But the interest and concern of the United States—whether in the Far East or any other part of the Pacific area, Europe or anywhere else in the world—are not measured alone by the number of American citizens residing in that particular country, or by the volume of investment and trade, or by the exceptional conditions peculiar to that particular area.

There is a much broader and more fundamental interest—which is that of orderly processes.

The interests and concern of the United States in the Far East, in any other part of the Pacific area, Europe or anywhere else in the world, were concerned with the fact that the orderly processes of international relationships should be maintained.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER

What most of all was at stake to-day all over the world was the future of the fundamental principles which must be the foundation of international order, as opposed to international anarchy.

Mr. Hull proceeded to refute the contentions of the "isolationists at any price."

"The momentous question is whether the doctrine of force shall become enthroned once more and inexorably bring in the wake of international anarchy a relapse into barbarism, or whether the peaceful nations fervently attached to the principles which underlie international order shall work unceasingly to promote and preserve law and order, morality and justice as the unshakable bases of civilised international relations."

U.S. RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Hull depicted in striking language what the consequences would be if the United States turned its back on the whole problem and declined the responsibility of contributing to its solution — how it would mean a break with the country's past and upheaval in its foreign interests and the domestic situation.

"Isolation does not mean security; it is a fruitful source of insecurity."

Concluding, the Secretary of State eloquently outlined the aims he is striving to attain, first of which would be peace in a world in which, the forces of militarism, territorial aggression and international anarchy would become utterly odious, revolting and intolerable to the conscience of mankind.—Reuter.

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BIG INCREASE IN NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REVEALED

IN NAVAL ESTIMATES

London, To-day.

In the absence of the First Lord of the Admiralty, ill with influenza, the Parliamentary Secretary presented in the Commons, the Navy Estimates totalling £123,707,000, an increase of some £18,600,000 over last year. £30,000,000 of the total is to be raised under the Defence Loans Act.

Expenditure on new construction—apart from the vessels in 1938 programme which will be the subject of supplementary estimates — is £41,500,000 compared with £18,000,000 in 1914 estimates.

Regarding this "unparalleled peace-time activity" Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare said that even allowing for the increase in the cost of ship-building, the figures showed that Britain was making a greater effort now than before the Great War. As to the 1938 programme, the number of ships had been announced, but the question of qualitative limits was affected by the position of Japan.

Up to the present, no information had been supplied by Japan in reply to the recent joint enquiry by great Britain, the United States and France, "but it is still possible that on reconsideration, she may decide to take her place with the great powers of the world and agree to give satisfactory assurances that she will abide by treaty limits even if she is not prepared to accede to the treaty.

ESCAPE CLAUSE

Representatives of the three Powers mentioned were conferring last week as to whether, in the absence of information they should invoke the appropriate escape clause of the treaty which, subject to certain conditions, allows the signatory powers to exceed the qualitative limits laid down.

The question had been referred back to the individual Governments and we are not, therefore, in a position to make an announcement as to our intentions. But if, for example, it is considered necessary to exceed a displacement of 35,000 tons for capital ships, the House can rest assured that our plans for so doing are well advanced."

SINGAPORE DOCK

In reference to the opening of the King George Sixth Dock at Singapore, the Minister said: In Singapore, Britain had a base suited to her needs in that part of the world under any circumstances. He repeated the difficulty alluded to by the First Lord last year in stating any standard of strength in terms of countries or of numerals at which the Government was aiming and in this connection recalled the Premier's statement on Monday that following recent events in Europe a review of defence requirements was being undertaken.

Mr. Shakespeare entered into a detailed review of the consequences of the transfer to the Navy of the Fleet Air Arm in the course of which he mentioned that there were at present in commission, four aircraft-carriers and that five new ones are being constructed. Moreover, all capital ships and larger cruisers would be fitted with aircraft operated from catapults as a large number, of course, were already.

DESIGN OF SHIPS

The maximum strength of 112,000 last year was being raised to 119,000 and the Minister stated that recruiting had been very satisfactory.

After answering a number of criticisms which he said had been formulated over recent years as to the design of ships, including the question of dual firing, the Parliamentary Secretary spoke of the attitude of the Admiralty to the question of convoy. Varied provision must be made for the different dangers to which merchant shipping might be exposed in various circumstances, where trade was of great importance or density and liable to attack by surface vessels, submarines or aircraft.

CONVOY SYSTEM

The Admiralty view was that a suitably escorted convoy would provide the best means of defence. Where trade was sparse or scattered or unlikely to be attacked by enemy forces, its safety would be sought by diversion or an evasive routine with such patrols as the circumstances warranted.

The Admiralty recognised that the convoy might be necessary as early as the outbreak of war and were ready to put it into operation where and when required.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The House was no doubt aware that there been sitting for some time a very strong committee representative of the shipping interests, the Board of Trade and the Admiralty and he paid a tribute to the manner in which the leaders of the shipping industry had co-operated in this vital matter.

The Admiralty, for their part, were busily engaged in building up a reserve of armaments, stores and material, necessary to ensure the protection of the merchant navy.—British Wireless.

The r.m.s. "Empress of Japan" is due at Shanghai on Tuesday at 4 p.m. and leaves for Hong Kong and Manila on Wednesday at noon.

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FOURTEEN-INCH GUNS FOR NEW BRITISH BATTLESHIPS

Admiralty Decision Officially Announced

CHANGE TO SIXTEEN WOULD DELAY CONSTRUCTION

London, To-day.

It was to-day officially announced by Colonel Llewellin that the five capital ships now being built by Britain would be equipped with fourteen-inch guns.

Col. Llewellin said it was too late to change to 16-inch guns, which would mean between three and four years delay in delivery because turrets were that part of the ship which took the largest time to construct.

However, the Admiralty was proceeding with all plant necessary and would be reaoy to go ahead with 16-inch guns for the battleships projected in the White Paper, though he hoped it would not be necessary.

The naval authorities were fully satisfied with 14-inch guns, which might well be as efficient as 16-inch guns mounted by people who, they thought, would not man them as well as British sailors.

As regards cruisers, Germany was the only country building 8-inch guns. We had no suspicion that Japan was building any.

JAPAN'S POLICY

In regard to a suggestion by Mr. Winston Churchill that Japan might have started building a type of cruiser between 10,000 and 25,000 tons, Col. Llewellin said at present there was no indication that Japan was doing anything of the sort. If we found that she was, we would not hesitate to consult our fellow-signatories to treaties and to use the escalator clause. He still hoped Japan would do nothing of the sort but would come into line with the large number of nations of the world.—Reuter.

MR. GEOFFREY SHAKESPEARE'S POLITICS

London, To-day.

At the conclusion of his speech on the Navy Estimates, the Parliamentary Secretary struck a personal note, asking how it came that as a Liberal and an advocate in the past of disarmament, he was presenting, with enthusiasm and conviction, Navy Estimates for a vote unprecedented in peace time.

There was nothing inconsistent in his attitude.

"Everything I believed in has been disappearing from so many countries since the war. Here in this country we still preserve and mean to preserve our British culture and institutions and our liberty of spirit, of intellect, or speech, the liberties enshrined in our Parliamentary system.

"A strong Navy is the surest guarantee that we can preserve for ourselves and Empire and pass on unimpaired this priceless heritage."—British Wireless.

NEW MARRIAGE ALLOWANCES FOR NAVAL OFFICERS

London, To-day.

In the course of his speech on the Navy Estimates, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare announced new arrangements for marriage allowances for naval officers — except the medical branch — and other concessions for warrant officers and commissioned officers from warrant rank.

The allowance, which will be payable to married officers at the age of thirty up to the rank Captain in the Navy and Lieutenant-Colonel in the Royal Marines, will be effected by a small reduction in the full pay of all Officers with a few exceptions, and will be scaled with additions for children.

In an illustrative case of a married officer with one child, if a Captain he will receive £100 extra yearly and if of lower rank £80 — that is the marriage allowance after the cut of two shillings a day in pay.

WARRANT OFFICERS

Warrant Officers will suffer no cut and will receive marriage allowances on a lower scale, while Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank will suffer a smaller cut in pay than the standard cut and will receive the same allowance as warrant officers.

Alteration in the rules of promotion and other concessions to Warrant Officers are also announced. All concessions will operate from April 1.—British Wireless.

Dr. H. F. Sommers has reported the loss of clothing to the value of $15 from the roof of his house, No. 1, May Road.

—INSURGENTS— CLAIM BIG CAPTURE

Burgos, To-day.

According to a report issued by the insurgents, General Franco's troops have completed the occupation of Caspe, the important strategic town on the railway line from Saragossa to Barcelona.

If the report is true, it would place the Nationalist forces within 34 miles of the Mediterranean coast.—Reuter.

CZECHS ORDER STRICT BORDER CONTROL

Prague, To-day.

Strict control of the frontiers has been ordered by the Czechoslovakian Government in consequence of the events in Austria.

Although this had not yet been rendered compulsory the authorities here have issued instructions that no persons be allowed to cross the frontier from Austria unless they own property in Czechoslovakia, or are in possession of special permits to enter the country.

Papers here interpret these measures as proof of the Czechoslovakian Government's desire to prevent political immigration on a large scale which might endanger the relations between this country and Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET'S CALL TO AGGRESSION CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

It is learned that the Soviet proposal for a conference of the powers on the German aggression in Austria, was made simultaneously yesterday in London, Washington, Paris and Prague by Soviet diplomatic representatives.

The Ambassador in London, M. Ivan Maisky, called at the Foreign Office and presented M. Maxim Litvinoff's statement with a covering letter stating that it conveyed the views of the Soviet.

In Berlin yesterday, a political spokesman, referring to M. Litvinoff's proposal, said "This must be a joke," and added it would be interesting to see the replies of the powers.

In authoritative circles in Rome the Soviet proposal is regarded as merely a manoeuvre to create difficulties and complicate the international situation.—Reuter.

A carnival dance will take place in the Hotel Cecil on Saturday, commencing at 8.30 p.m. The dance band of Reg. Chanley and His Blue Lyres will be in attendance.

THREE JAPANESE PLANES FROM HOPAO IS. BASE MISSING

Macao, To-day.

The movements of Japanese warplanes from the Hopao Island base are again being daily observed from this Colony. At almost regular hours they might be seen passing beyond Macao on their way to Canton.

Two days ago sounds of bomb explosions could be heard by local residents, indicating that the Japanese are again busy over the Chungshan district.

Three machines were missing from the count of planes returning from the north yesterday. It is not known however, whether these three planes returned to their base by a separate route or had been downed by the Canton anti-aircraft guns.—Our Own Correspondent.

Canton had earlier claimed that three machines had been short down by A. A. guns.

AUSTRIANS TO TOUR GERMANY

Vienna, To-day.

The "Strength Through Joy" organisation of the German Labour Front announces that 10,000 Austrian workers will visit Germany during the next few days as guests of the Strength Through Joy organisation which is now arranging the last details for the visit here.

The Austrian workers will visit Munich, Berlin, Nuremberg, Hamburg, Leipzig, Sturtgart and Duesseldorf.—Trans-Ocean.

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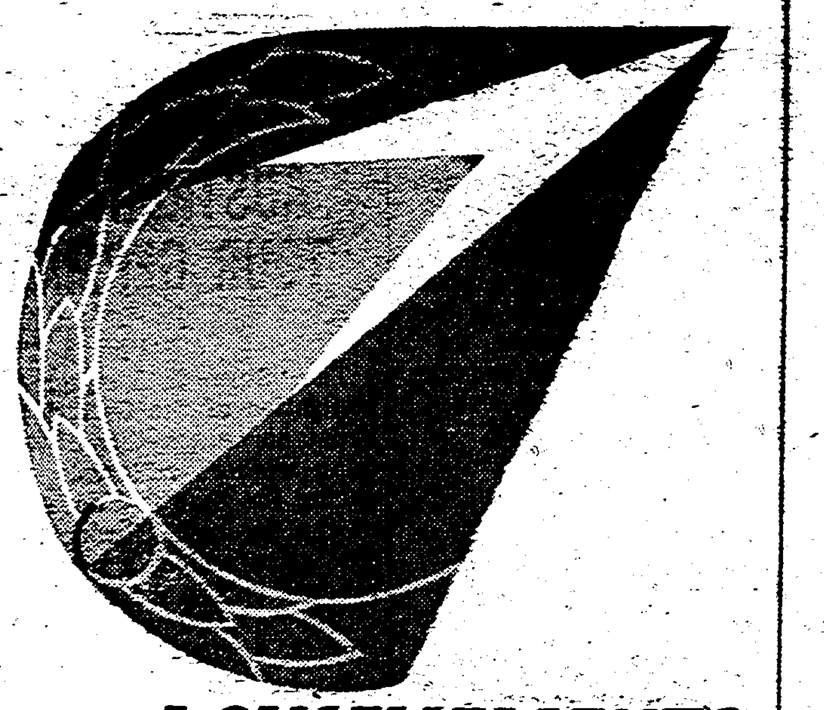

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GERMANY AND CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Lord Halifax did the Government an excellent service by his speech on foreign affairs in the House of Lords. Many of the unpleasant implications in the earlier speech of Mr. Neville Chamberlain were satisfactorily explained away. Certain gaps too were filled, including a disclosure that while Britain was still unprepared, at this moment, to commit herself to definite guarantees to Czecho-Slovakia, the Foreign Office had not been entirely idle, but had reminded Germany, if reminder was needed, of solemn assurances given regarding the integrity of Czecho-Slovakia more than once repeated. Of the Austrian episode, the Foreign Secretary took the only sensible view, that while the application of power politics can have no result but the creation of apprehension and disquiet, the fact that Austria is no longer an independent entity but has been absorbed into Germany is a fact which no plebiscite can disturb, and which can never be an inducement for British action in war to alter.

Austria is gone, but when that is recognised, thought turns naturally to the question, What next? The more study given to Europe to-day, the more difficult it becomes to avoid preoccupation with the destiny of Czecho-Slovakia. For it stands out in bold relief that from the standpoint of international cannibalism few morsels could be found more tempting than that little country in the heart of Europe. Although Prague is situated on the Moldau, it has inherited from the Habsburgs, along with several of their problems, the dangerous privilege, of holding the key to the entire Danube valley. Nearly seventy million people dwell in the six States whose territories are embraced in this valley. The independent existence of these States had, until the Nazi regime, been founded on the League, and also on their maintaining a rough balance or a possible eventual union among themselves, which did not presuppose having a Great Power planted in their midst and able to use their age-long divisions for its own development. Germany, in particular, occupies a special position toward these States. One has only to realise that even before the coup, a semi-neutralised German Austria could never pursue an anti-German policy. The same holds true of Hungary, which with little fondness for the Nazis, for reasons of its own, prefers them to the countries of the Little Entente. In Rumania a strong Germanophil tradition leaves no doubt as to the choice between Nazis and Bolsheviks, which is also true of Bulgaria. Yugo-Slavia trying to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds, might, perhaps, for a time withdraw into her shell, as the alliances of the Little Entente were never intended to operate against a Great Power. This leaves Czecho-Slovakia alone in Central Europe, and the obstacle standing in the way of a giant German federated empire which would stretch from the North to the Black Sea.

No fair-minded observer would deny that the German Bohemians have legitimate grievances, though some have been due to a kind of unfortunate inheritance derived from the Habsburg monarchy, and not to the population overlapping from the Reich, to which they have never belonged. The Henlein party aimed at an autonomy for the German districts in Bohemia. This could lead only to the dismemberment of a State, which can be destroyed in other ways than by war. The Government at Prague may be Czech or it may be German, but it cannot be both, and the attempt to find a cantonal solution for a State which has been unitary from time immemorial would, if carried out, work grave injustice not only to the important Czech minorities in the German districts but to many German Bohemians who feel no sympathy with Nazi principles. An extensive German propaganda has also attempted to create the idea of a Bolshevised Czecho-Slovakia and to discover a "Red" danger in a State which has as little predilection for the Soviet as any other capitalist Government. It was solely the fear of Reich aggression which in the end compelled a very reluctant Prague to sign a strictly defensive pact with Moscow. How far the intermittent anti-Czech campaign will proceed depends on several circumstances and notably on how we are able to appraise the power of Czech resistance and the value of their pacts of defence. Certainly, the stronger these are the more secure will be the peace of Europe.

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Radio by Telephone

There are in existence in London several private undertakings which relay radio reception over the telephone to a network of subscribers. Now the Post Office is to experiment with such a service. The first essay is to be made in Southampton, where telephone subscribers will be able on payment of 1s. 6d. per week to receive programmes from the Post Office without having to equip themselves with any apparatus except a loud-speaker. The simplicity of this arrangement, carrying with it emancipation from all the troubles of maintaining and manipulating a receiving set, appeals to easygoing people, though the cost of 78s. a year, contrasted with the modest 10s. licence, looks a little forbidding. Many people will not be satisfied with the limited choice of programmes which the Post Office will be able to offer, but to others it will appeal as another welcome simplification of the arduous life of the wireless listener. One disadvantage of the plan is that with existing equipment the telephone would be put out of action for receiving calls during a wireless relay. It is a difficulty which the Post Office engineers hope to overcome before the scheme is started.

POLISH ULTIMATUM TO LITHUANIA

Expected To Be Lodged At Any Moment

Warsaw Feeling Runs High With Demand For Action

Warsaw, To-day.

A Polish ultimatum to Lithuania is expected at any moment, according to well-informed circles.

Feeling is running high and crowds estimated at 100,000, are parading and shouting "March to Kaunas! Seize Lithuania!"

Speakers are urging the army to enter Lithuania to "restore order." Similar demonstrations are being held in other large towns all over Poland. —Reuter.

NO BLAME ATTACHED

Kannas, To-day.

The Lithuanian Minister of the Interior, General Caplicas, made a statement in the Diet to-day concerning the frontier incident.

General Caplicas asserted that it had been proved that the Polish frontier guard fired several shots whereupon the Lithuanian guards returned fire. A Polish soldier, who was 17 metres from the frontier line on the Lithuanian side of the border, was severely wounded and died some hours later.

The Minister declared that no blame is attached to Lithuania which could not be accused of breach of her international duties and obligations.

TENSION INCREASED

The incident, which has still further increased the existing tension between the two countries, forms the principal subject of discussions in Lithuanian political circles, where it is generally believed that Poland will not resort to military measures but will, in reply to Lithuanian proposals, demand the establishment of diplomatic relations with Lithuania as well as a pact of non-aggression.

It is expected here that Poland in turn would be prepared to recognise the independence of Lithuania but would insist on the Lithuanian Government making a declaration concerning the question of Vilna.

OPINIONS DIFFER

Opinions differ here as to the advisability of the Lithuanian proposals for settlement of the frontier incident.

A considerable section of Lithuania expresses the opinion that Lithuania by making proposals had abandoned her hitherto intransigent position of refusing to enter into any negotiations of any kind with Poland before the question of Vilna had been solved to Lithuania's satisfaction.

According to these circles Poland will seize the occasion to bring diplomatic pressure to bear on Lithuania in order to "normalise" the relations between the two countries.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR GIVEN NEW INSTRUCTION

London, To-day.

Questioned in the Commons on the Polish-Lithuanian frontier incident, the Prime Minister said he was aware that anxiety had been caused by the failure of the Polish Government to agree to a local settlement of the incident and by the report of intention to make use of the incident to impose on the Lithuanian Government a full settlement of the differences between the two countries.

The Ambassador at Warsaw had been requested to impress upon the Polish Government, the importance His Majesty's Government attached to a peaceful settlement of the incident.—British Wireless.

POLAND'S DEMANDS

Warsaw, To-day.

Poland is demanding of Lithuania, declares a leading Warsaw newspaper, immediate resumption of diplomatic and consular relations with Poland, which were broken off when Polish troops occupied Vilna in 1922, and thus recognition by Lithuania of Polish possession of Vilna.

Poland also demands immediate negotiations for conclusion of trade and customs agreement.—Trans-Ocean.

RADICAL MEASURES

Warsaw, To-day.

"Radical measures against Lithuania" were demanded by a crowd of over 100,000 which protested yesterday against the frontier incident, by holding a mass demonstration in Pilsudski Square.

Political circles regard the situation as grave, but stress that Poland is desirous to settle the affair amicably.—Trans-Ocean.

DEMAND FOR FOREIGN CURRENCY

Hankow, To-day.

The first applications for foreign currency, under China's foreign exchange regulations, received here yesterday, totalled £1,200,000.

Allotments are being made to-day and will total £300,000, Reuter learns.—Reuter.

THOUSANDS DIE IN SAVAGE RAID ON LINGYI

Shanghai, To-day.

More than one thousand civilian houses were destroyed and about ten thousand civilians were ruthlessly killed, or wounded by a ruthless bombardment, declares the Chinese press in a report describing a Japanese air raid on Lingyi yesterday.

The report declares that the Japanese planes bombed the city from dawn to dusk.

No confirmatory details of the raid have been received from any other source.

Lingyi is a city within the Lunghai Railway zone, about one hundred miles to the south-east of Tsinanfu. — Reuter.

HOLIDAYS ON PAY

London, To-day.

The Labour Minister stated in the Commons that it was estimated that about 3,000,000 wage earners were now covered by collective agreements providing for holidays with pay — an increase of 1,725,000 since the end of 1936.—British Wireless.

ANXIETY IN SHANGHAI UNDIMINISHED

Shanghai, To-day.

Anxiety regarding the situation in Shanghai and the intentions of the Japanese military authorities persists in spite of Japanese official assurances.

Reinforced guards were on duty all day yesterday on the boundaries of the International Settlement and of the French Concession, and the search of all Chinese and Japanese passers-by continued.

Members of the police forces of the International Settlement and the French Concession are now not allowed to leave their homes when they are off duty, so that they may always be within immediate call.

Everything passed off peacefully yesterday, however, and no incidents of any nature were reported.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone continues to move slowly eastward, and is decreasing in intensity.

Pressure is now highest over Korea.

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BRITISH CABINET DISSENSION RUMOURS

London, To-day.

The political lobbies are buzzing with rumours as the result of the developments in Europe and an apparently growing dissatisfaction with the attitude adopted by the Prime Minister.

The refusal of Mr. Chamberlain to be hurried into a declaration on Britain's international policy has irritated not only the two Oppositions, the Labour Party and the Liberals, but also a number of Government supporters including Mr. Winston Churchill.

Feeling in non-Ministerial quarters is that the critical situation demands a quick and bold declaration.

It has been persistently rumoured that there is a cleavage in the Cabinet regarding the Government's policy, but it is learned, on good authority, that there is no truth in reports of serious Cabinet dissensions.

For the present, Mr. Chamberlain is apparently immovably determined to examine the whole position in consultation with the Dominions and other countries before making a declaration that must be of first European importance. — Reuter.

COMMONS QUESTIONS

In a Commons answer, the Prime Minister said that no reply was required by the French Government to their notification to the British Government of their determination to adhere resolutely to their treaty obligations to Czechoslovakia.

He had already stated that His Majesty's Government were giving the closest attention to the issues involved.

In another answer, the Prime Minister said he had no intention of adding anything in the immediate future to what was said by Lord Halifax yesterday and by himself on Monday regarding the Government's decision upon foreign policy as a result of the consideration of the new situation which had arisen since 11th March.

TIME DEMANDED

Later, when the Prime Minister announced the business of the House for next week the Opposition Leader said he would have to ask time for a discussion on foreign affairs one day next week unless the Prime Minister had, in the meantime, made some statement of policy.—British Wireless.

THE NAZI SYSTEM COMES TO AUSTRIA

Vienna, To-day.

The German racial and marriage laws will become immediately applicable in Austria, it was stated yesterday in official quarters.

A Joint Criminal Code is shortly be prepared.

In the meantime, all non-Aryan lawyers have been ordered to abandon their practices immediately.

All Austrian officials must swear an oath of allegiance or leave their posts, says a Hitler decree.

Jewish officials will be given no opportunity of taking the oath and will, therefore, be automatically excluded from office.—Reuter.

GERMAN MISSION BOMBED

Canton, To-day.

Cable information has just been received here to the effect that the Kuk Kong Station of the German Berlin Mission has again been subjected to a Japanese bombing raid.

Yesterday morning the Mission's girls' school was completely destroyed, and it is feared that the number of wounded will be very large, although no exact details are yet to hand.

It will be recalled that the mission was previously subjected to numerous raids that have always reigned havoc in the Mission compound, where most buildings now are in ruins.—Trans-Ocean.

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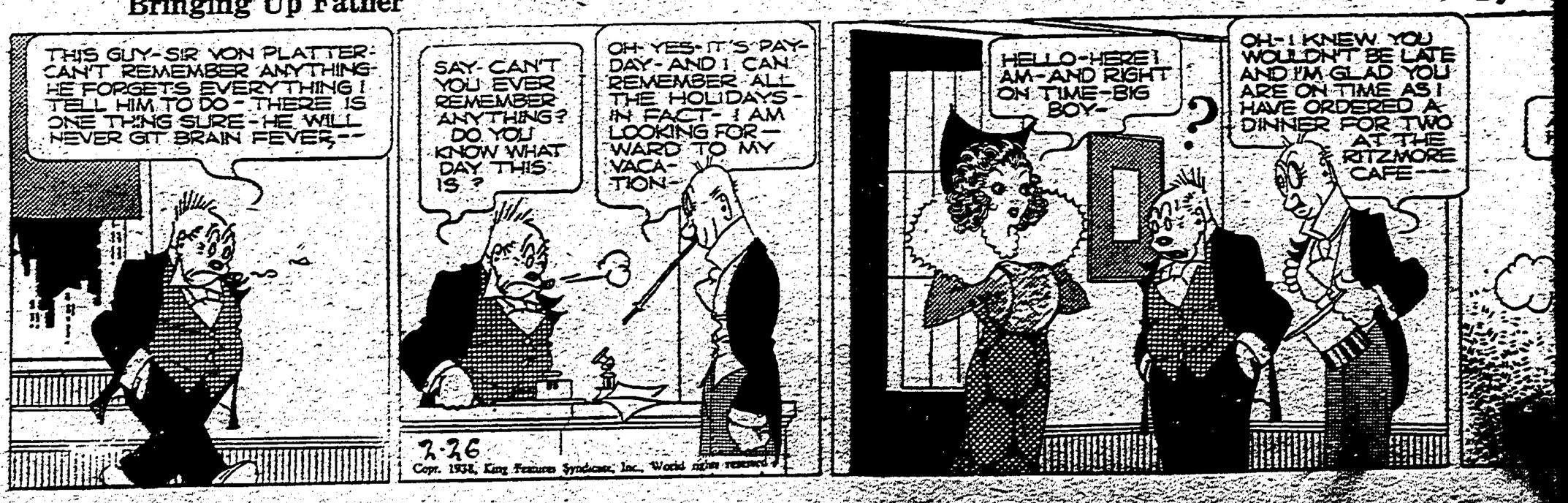

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Snakes First

Short Story -:- By C. T. Stoneham

Author of "Wanderings in Wild Africa," "Elephant Brother," "Dwellers in the Wilderness," etc.

OLD Joe went about the Boma catching snakes. Cobras, vipers, adders, all were his prey. One variety Joe avoided: the big mamba. "I don't mind 'em up to three feet," he declared, "but over that they're too wild for me."

His methods of dealing with reptiles were various and cunning, but mostly he favoured the forked stick and canvas bag. When Joe found a snake, he induced it to stretch out in a dash for escape, then he pinned its head down firmly with his forked stick. The next performance was to seize it by the neck, in such a way that it could not bite him, and pop it into his canvas bag.

His hunting-ground was the Government Boma of Matunda in Southern Tanganyika. Here was a large grassy clearing in the midst of sandy thorn-bush, a terrain prolific of the worst snakes in Africa. Maxwell, the District Officer, had cut away the long grass and bush for a square mile about the buildings; he had made roads leading out to the districts. The huts in the police lines, and the gaol, stood in an expanse of hard-packed murrum; it was all very tidy and sanitary beneath the fierce glare of the tropic sun. But the inhabitants were greatly worried by snakes.

They emerged from the nyika to invade the stronghold of officialdom, seeming to prefer the cleared ground and orderly surroundings. They guarded the bunkers on the nine-hole golf course, sunned themselves on the tennis court, and created panic on the parade ground. Everyone was in daily fear of treading on a basking puff-adder, or incurring the spite of a passing mamba.

Then came Joe Smith. He was nearly seventy, his face tanned and wrinkled like hide, his grey whiskers unruly as those of a highland terrier. He had been hunter, prospector, transport-rider, and had not prospered. Now he caught snakes and sold them to zoos, jugglers, serum-makers, and witch doctors. The demand was greater than the supply, he said, and an agent at the coast would take all he could send.

Snake-ridden Matunda was to him a fair and fruitful field. Maxwell paid him a small salary, he became official snake catcher, a member of the Administrative personnel.

Young Lance Dyke, the cadet, was fascinated by Joe and his profession. He had come straight from Cambridge to this outpost of Empire, had seen no wild creature more dangerous than a stoat, and was astounded at the nonchalance of this old ruffian whose days were spent in hunting the deadliest of creatures. Dyke was a good-looking young man, with a manner which Grant Lindsay, the A.D.O., called effeminate.

Mrs. Lindsay thought it an improvement on the phlegmatic, preoccupied behaviour of her husband and the D. O. "At last I have someone to talk to," she declared. "Someone who can think of other things than natives and elephants and hut tax."

She played tennis with Dyke every afternoon, or rode with him, while her husband played golf with his superior officer. At sun-downer time on the stoep of one of the bungalows, the younger people talked books and plays, and dancing, and the older the absorbing topics of tribal rights and native administration.

Still, Dyke had time to frequent the company of Joe. He would rise early to join him on his before-breakfast hunt. On the first of these occasions Dyke was introduced to several deadly reptiles, and the correct manner of catching them.

"You've yot to walk careful, and keep your eyes skinned," said Joe. "Now there, you see, we have a beauty, first go off."

They were traversing the parade ground and the "beauty" was a grey night-adder which Joe's practised eyes had discerned crawing round the corner of a hut. Soft though the men's tread, the snake felt its vibrations, and coiled, lying still and watchful.

"Wonderful sharp hearing they have," said Joe, putting down his bag. He held his forked stick in one hand, and in the other an implement like a dusting brush, made of guinea fowl feathers. This he extended slowly towards the snake. The adder writhed back, hissing warning. Then it struck, embedding its fangs in the feathers. Joe pushed its head down with his shield, held it firmly with his forked stick, and picked it up.

He carried the creature, twining its three-foot length round arm and neck, to his bag, conversing leisurely meanwhile, as though he handled nothing more dangerous than a grass snake.

"He's a bit sluggish because he hasn't got warmed up yet. In you go, my lad." He popped the reptile into the bag and drew the string tight. "That's one," he said with satisfaction.

Dyke followed him with horrified interest.

"Now this is a ringals, and we've got to be careful," said Joe down by the stream. He neatly cut off the snake's retreat and brought it to bay on a patch of sand, where it threatened him with open jaws. "The spitting cobra is a bad feller, because he squirts his juice at your eyes and blinds you. That's why I go up to him holding my coat, like this, and when he spits—ah, would you, my boy!" He shielded his face from the jet of venom, and threw his coat on to the snake, holding it down with his foot.

"The trouble is to find his head." He groped about through the cloth, and presently stood up holding the lashing captive.

"Always keep his head turned away from you so he can't spit in your eye," he counselled.

Dyke went to breakfast with plenty of information to think about.

In succeeding days he watched Joe catch puff-adders, cobras, and a tiny ring-snake, and he was also witness of the execution of a big black mamba. This latter was discovered crossing the road near the Government office. It was a six-foot specimen; it coiled and watched the men, hissing gently.

Joe stopped three yards away. "That's lightning death," he said soberly. "He can run faster than we can; he comes right off the ground at you; and if he bites you, goodbye—and in a few minutes, mark you. He's a tiger—he'd fight the whole world for twopence!"

"What happens if he attacks us?" asked Dyke uncertainly.

"We're gone coons, as like as not. But we'll hope he won't. I'm going home to get my gun; can't leave him wandering about here."

A few minutes later, as Dyke was sitting down to breakfast, a loud report announced the death of the mamba. He ran out to see Joe standing over its headless body.

Apparently this was Joe's invariable practice with the bigger members of this breed. He explained that even if he could catch them no one would buy them. "They're that fierce and quick; they never calm down. Always trying for you. Take no chances with a big mamba; when he's dead, he's safe."

Grant Lindsay went off on a tour of the district to collect hut tax, and Dyke was invited to take Mary Lindsay riding in the early mornings, so his excursions with the snake catcher were suspended. He preferred Mary's company to that of snakes. But Joe, watching them walking their ponies past him, so absorbed—in their talk that they were unaware of his inspection, opined that snakes were less dangerous. "Plenty of deadly ones are beautiful," he reflected. "She's got hair like the yellow in a puff-adder, and may-be she'd strike backwards sudden-like, just the same."

Lindsay returned from his safari, bad-tempered, and complaining of headaches. "This sun, I hate it! All day and every day—and marching in it! I'd give anything for a damp, misty spell; but it's the bright moon by night and the glaring sun by day, and no let-up."

"Did you have a go of fever on this trip, Lindsay?" asked Maxwell, eyeing his A.D.O. with concern.

"I did, Sir—as usual."

Maxwell told Dyke: "Lindsay has been hit by the sun a bit, I fancy. He was always susceptible. Don't take any notice if he is short with you; the poor fellow was badly used in the war, and this climate does not suit him. He won't take sick leave, but I shall have to insist, I'm afraid."

Dyke had much to put up with. Lindsay seldom addressed him, but when he did so it was in a vein of biting sarcasm. He complained about something every day: nothing this subordinate did pleased him.

Mary said shortly that her husband was becoming impossible to live with. "He bullies the servants, and he'll hardly speak to me. I'm getting tired of it."

Dyke tried to console her; it was an easy, pleasant task. He had often philandered in a harmless way with young married women, finding their husbands tolerantly amused, or indifferent. He was unprepared for Lindsay's icy wrath when he came on them standing in the moonlit compound, in each other's arms. It had been a goodnight salute, and not the first.

"You go inside," said Lindsay to his wife, and, after a glance at his scowling face, she obeyed. The husband addressed Dyke: "We don't want a scandal; something will have to be done. I suggest you apply for transfer to another district."

"But it is all perfectly innocent, Lindsay."

"Is it? We'll talk about that later. I'm not blind."

The next day Lindsay did not come to the office in the morning, and the duty of hearing cases devolved upon the cadet. Dyke was unable to settle tribal disputes, but, on Maxwell's instructions, he took evidence and prepared copious notes.

He saw Joe Smith during the day. The snake catcher was pleased, for he had received an order from an agent at the coast for a large mamba.

"What he wants it for I'm hanged if I know," said Joe, "but he's willing to pay a thumping price for it."

"How will you catch it?" asked Dyke interestedly.

"Easy. I know where there is a big one: in your office."

"What!" The young man was startled, half incredulous.

"It's all right," said Joe calmly. 'He's got a hole in the cupboard floor, and he gets out into the compound through a rat hole near Lindsay's desk. I've known about him a long time, but he only comes out at night, so there was no need to worry. Besides, I hate working at night."

"Well, the sooner you catch the brute, the better," said Dyke decidedly. "If old Maxwell knew, he'd have forty fits."

"Then it's just as well he don't know," said Joe philosophically. "I'll get him to-night. You give me the key, and I'll sit up for him. A nice saucer of milk outside the cupboard will fetch him all right."

Dyke agreed to hand over the key when he left the office that

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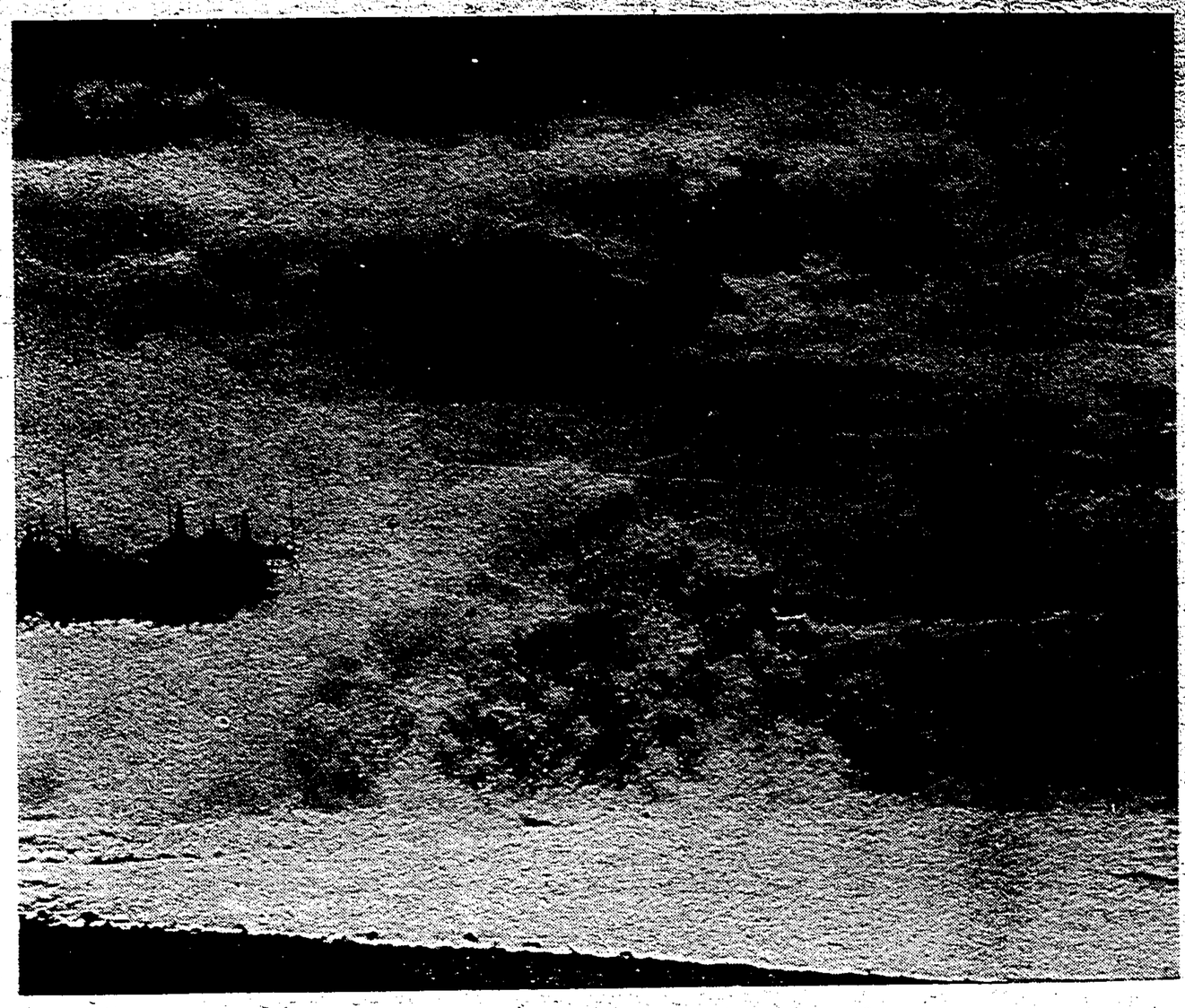

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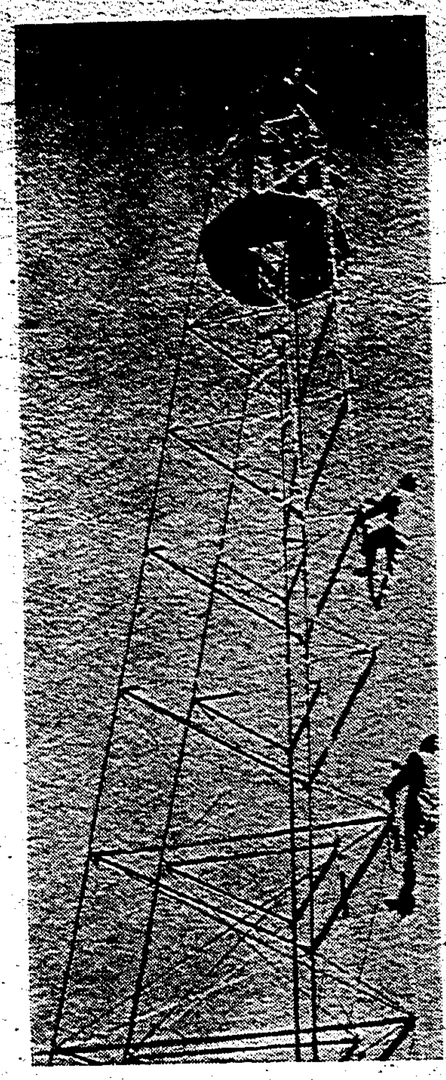

In the survey of East Anglia special observation towers will have to be used owing to the flat nature of the country. Ordinance survey crew fare now being trained at Southampton in the erection and use of the towers. One is to be 110 ft. and the other 65 ft. (Copyright).

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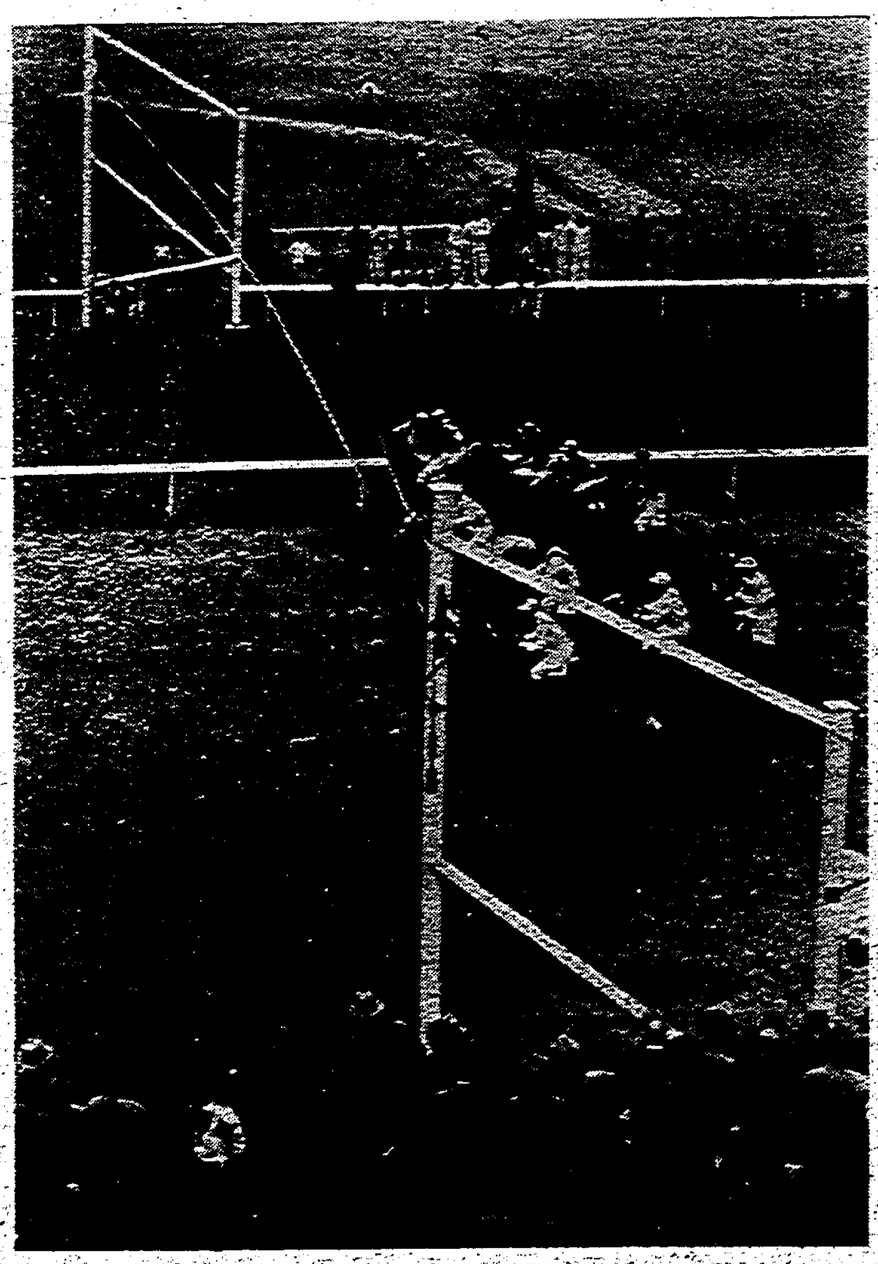

An unusual shot of the start of a race at last Saturday's Happy Valley meeting. ("Mail" photo).

Believe Me

In America, I read, there is a gaol on the fifteenth story of a building. So it's better to be down and out than up and in.

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Too True

In far too many marriages, says a writer, the wife's word is law. And usually it is a buy-law.

Profitable Pets

A Lancashire dealer is stated to have made a fortune out of performing mice. So has Mr. Disney.

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No Luck

An income-tax office in Yorkshire was set on fire recently. Firemen, however, arrived on the scene before much good had been done.

"A" Section, Corps 1st Battery, H.K.V.D.C., before moving off to Camp. ("Mail" photo).

CABBAGES AND KINGS

Alas

"Many people consider that the figure 'one' is an unlucky number," says a writer. Especially if you're caught nipping out for it.

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Off The Menu

"Toast-racks are silly presents to give a modern bride," states a writer. After all, what's the use of them? Toast can't be brought in tins.

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Graded

"London office-boys whistle happily at their work," says a Parisian visitor. This is not quite accurate. Some just whistle at their work. And some just whistle.

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No, Sir

An American journalist assures us that it is possible to sit in some of the large public halls in the States and never hear a speaker. We are not so well catered for here.

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My Answer

"What should a girl do if her employer slips notes into her handbag when she isn't watching?" asks a reader. Don't watch him.

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Safety First

Monkeys are very clever pickpockets, states a Zoo keeper. Kangaroos always give them a wide berth.

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Real Tough

Rubber tasting of chocolate is now being used in the manufacture of dogs' toys. My poulterer's speciality is rubber tasting of turkey.

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Safety Tactics

An American song writer has changed his address twenty times in twenty-two months. It would be easier to give up song writing.

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Note To Wives

If a tall dark man crosses your threshold just after midnight next Friday, be thankful that he's home early for once.

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Cynics' Corner

"After all," comments a writer, "what is a woman after middle-age?" Thirty, sometimes.

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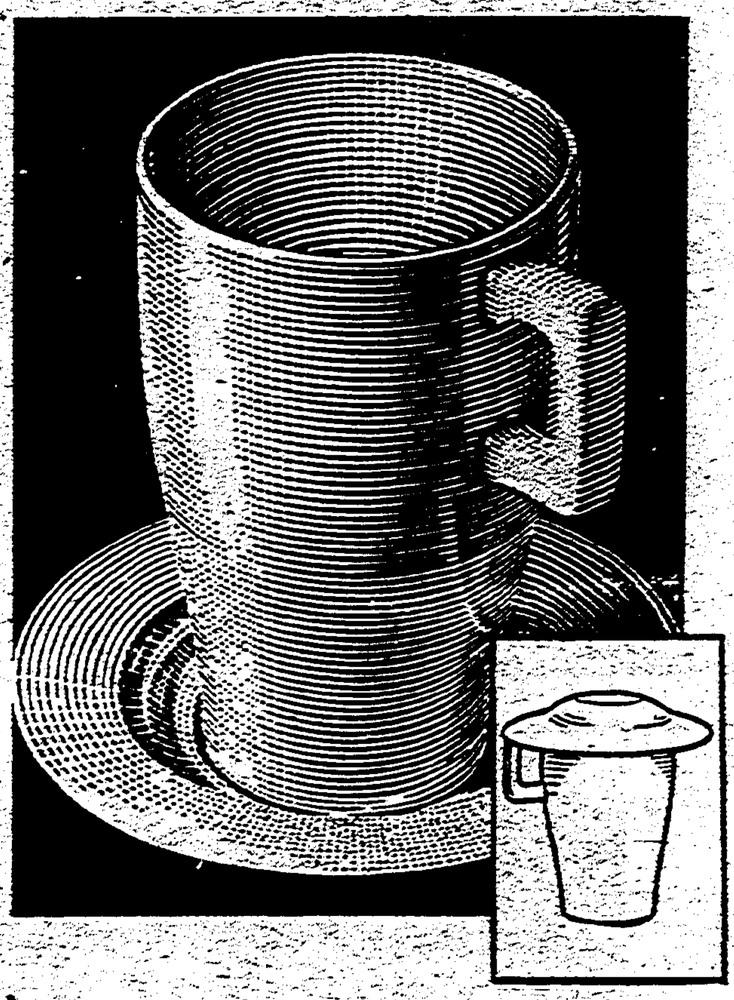

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VISION

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Stockport (-)
Burnley (2)
MANCHESTER U. (-)

Barnsley (-)

Newcastle (-)
Tottenham (1)
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CRYSTAL P. (2)	v	Clapton (3)
EXETER (3)	v	Walsall (0)
Gillingham (0)	v	Cardiff (0)
MILLWALL (-)	v	Mansfield (-)
Newport (1)	v	Queen P. R. (2)
NOTTS C. (2)	v	Southend (1)
READING (5)	v	Torquay (1)
SWINDON (2)	v	Northampton (0)
WATFORD (4)	v	Bournemouth (0)

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barrow (-)	v	Bradford C. (-)
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Darlington (3)	v	Halifax (3)
GATESHEAD (1)	v	Accrington (1)
Hartlepools (-)	v	Doncaster (-)
HULL (2)	v	Rotherham (1)
Lincoln (5)	v	Rochdale (3)
NEW BRIGHTON (1)	v	Chester (0)
Oldham (2)	v	CARLISLE (1)
Port Vale (2)	v	TRANMERE (1)
WREXHAM (3)	v	Southport (3)

SCOTTISH (FIRST DIVISION)

ABERDEEN (3)	v	Clyde (0)
CELTIC (6)	v	Third Lanark (3)
HAMILTON (-)	v	Morton (-)
Hibernian (3)	v	St. Johnstone (3)
Queen's Park (0)	v	HEARTS (2)

SCOTTISH CUP (4TH ROUND)

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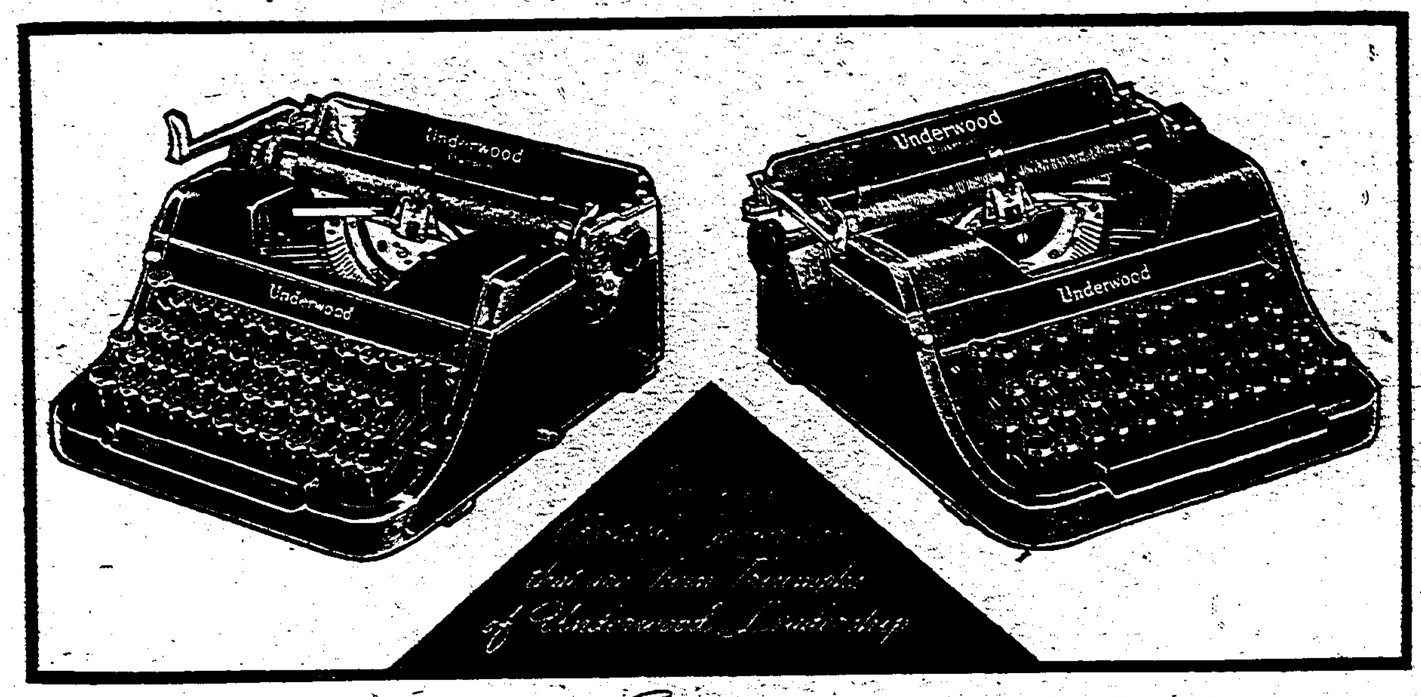

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DEFINITION of a journalist: "If the hand of God reached down into the mire, it could not elevate him to the depths of degradation.

That is from "Nothing Sacred," another newspaper story, but with a mighty difference. It is so different, in fact, from the ruck of stuff about the Fourth Estate, that it can safely be classed beside such memorable comedies as "The Ghost Goes West," "My Man Godfrey," and "It's Love I'm After."

The opening scene, where the editor of the "Morning Star" (Walter Connolly) is giving a dinner in honour of the Sultan of Marzipan, a negro shoeblack who has hoaxed the paper, is alone worth the money, and it has not much to do with the story.

That starts in earnest when backtown girl, Carole Lombard, is given three months to live by local medico, Charles Winninger.

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By the time he gets hold of the girl, Dr. Winninger has sobered sufficiently to discover that his first diagnosis of "radium poisoning" was due to what he has been through hooch fumes, and that she is as fit as a fiddle.

When Fredric invites Carole to come to New York under the ghoulish auspices of his paper, so that she may have the best that life can offer in the little while left her, she says nothing about the doctor's revised verdict.

The doc comes too, in spite of his bitter hostility to the Press, dating from 20 years back, when he drew a blank in a big essay competition.

Adequately boosted by the "Morning Star," Carole becomes the heroine of America, the brave lass who faces death with a smile, and likewise with whoopee.

The picture develops into an elaborate and ruthless jest at the expense of the world's most hysterical newspaper public, and the people who guide it.

Dr. "Lew" Reidy leading in Mr. Eve's Handicap Eve (Mr. Yeung Wing Sing up) after it had won The "Loiterers" Stakes last Saturday. It paid $61.90 for a win. ("Mail" photo).

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evening; but something occurred to change his intention. Lindsay appeared in the office and started to go through the reports of cases heard that day.

"This is intolerable!" he said, banging down the papers in front of the cadet. "Half of this is quite illegible. How do you suppose I'm going to give judgments to-morrow when I can't make head or tail of your scrawl?"

"One hasn't much time for copper-plate, you know," protested Dyke mildly.

"Don't argue!" snapped Lindsay. "I say your handwriting is foul, and you'd better do something about it. You can come back here to-night and go over the stuff, ready for the morning. It will keep you from paying visits where you are not wanted."

He stamped out of the place, leaving Dyke furious, half inclined to complain to the D.O. Upon consideration, he overcame his resentment and decided to humour his cranky superior, who, after all, had scant reason to be polite to him. He would come down after dinner and write out the reports more clearly.

Then he remembered that this was Joe's night for catchings the mamba. It would be awkward, but perhap not unamusing: he could work until the snake made its appearance and then, once again, assist Joe at his exciting trade. He felt quite safe under the direction of the expert. He sent a chit to the old man, notifying him that he would be working late, and received the assurance that it would be "O.K." with Joe.

Dyke took dinner early, arriving at the office before eight. Joe was smoking his pipe outside, waiting for him. "I've got a saucer and a bottle of milk," he said. "All you've got to do is to keep quiet and not move too much, so he'll come out."

Joe used his torch to make a careful inspection of the floor before he would allow Dyke to enter and light the lamp. It was a large, oblong room; at one end was the A.D.O.'s. desk, at the other Dyke's. The cupboard, temporary residence of the mamba, was in a corner near Lindsay's deck; Dyke would be well away from the danger spot, able to bolt out of the door if need arose.

Joe set his saucer of milk near the cupboard, the badly fitting door of which provided an exit. He settled himself on a box behind Lindsay's desk, with his implements handy.

"Now you work away quietly," he advised, "while I watch for his nibs. I'll hiss when I see him, and I expect he'll hiss when he sees me."

Dyke began his work, striving to concentrate, but unable to resist glancing up every now and then at the expanse of bare floor dividing him from the dim outline of the cupboard door, and the other desk which shielded the crouching form of old Joe. The lamp was above Dyke's head; he had a clear view for a short radius; all else was in shadow. He could not help feeling that a long, black, ropelike body was in movement towards him out of the obscurity, and he found it impossible to divide his attention between his work and the instinct of self-preservation. Finally, he gave up the writing and leaned back to watch, ready to leap for safety at the first sound of slithering scales on the boards.

An hour passed; Dyke consumed several cigarettes. Once he asked Joe if he were there, and received the testy reply, "Of course I'm here. You didn't think I'd dissolved, did you?"

Dyke asked no more questions. Presently he heard footsteps on the path; the door opened to admit Grant Lindsay, in dinner clothes.

"Quite a change to see you working overtime," he said shortly, and crossed the room to stand nearly his desk, staring at Dyke out of the shadows.

"I thought you were dining with the D.O." said Dyke.

"I was. But I same away for a moment; I wanted to see you."

This was awkward. Dyke could tell from Lindsay's peculiar manner that he was going to talk about his domestic troubles, and Joe was sitting undiscovered immediately behind him. Neither Dyke nor Joe was ready to acquaint the irascible A.D.O. with their highly irregular procedure.

"I won't discuss anything here, Lindsay," said Dyke firmly. "Come up to my house if you want to talk."

"I don't," was the calm reply. "I am just going to ask you if you know what this is, then I shall act." He had taken something from his pocket which Dyke knew to be a pistol. "It has a silencer," he said. "Very neat idea."

"For God's sake don't be mad, Lindsay!" said Dyke hurriedly. "That's perfect nonsense; you know there was nothing serious in the affair. I tell you, you're making a ridiculous mistake."

Lindsay was quiet, almost indifferent. "Oh no, I'm not. I'm sick of the whole business; I'm dog tired, and I've always got a head-ache. It will be pleasant to leave this filthy place. Divorce would ruin me. If I'm to be ruined, I'll make a thorough job of it. Get ready. I'm going to shoot all these bullets at you. I'm a rotten shot with one of these things."

Dyke said nothing; he held his breath, waiting for the man's hand to rise and give him the signal to dodge.

There was a loud hiss behind Lindsay. He knew what it was well enough; he spun round, staring into the corner.

A beam of light leapt from behind the desk and focussed on a five-foot mamba. The snake lay in the shape of an S, but a third of its body was clear of the floor, and its spade-shaped head, hood extended, swayed to and fro menacingly. The light seemed to dazzle it.

Joe rose out of concealment, holding a blanket. "Step back a bit," he said to Lindsay. "You're in the way."

The A.D.O. retreated slowly, like a man hypnotised. With swift, noiseless steps, Dyke reached him, and seized the hand which held the pistol.

"No, you don't!" cried Lindsay fiercely. He grappled his opponent, and, with extraordinary strength, flung him towards the coiling snake.

Dyke was unable to resist that violent shove; he blundered forward, holding out futile hands to guard himself from the deadly blow he expected. He was within six feet of the mamba; its head swung back, and suddenly shot forward with arrow-like speed.

Dyke made a choking noise in his throat. He heard Lindsay laugh exultantly. Then the thick folds of a blanket descended before his face. He felt the impact of the snake's body, and saw that it had fallen at his feet, writhing under the blanket.

Joe was upon it instantly. He groped and struggled, while the others watched him, fascinated by the spectable. The snake catcher rose to his feet, holding the snake with both hands behind its head, while its heavy body flailed and twined about his neck.

"Here, give a hand!" he snarled. "Can't you see it's choking me?"

Lindsay grabbed the reptile's tail; Dyke, the initiate, ran to get the canvas bag.

"Hold on to him!" cautioned Dyke.

"Right, I've got him!" said Lindsay. "Here, work the bag over him, tail first." In a few minutes the snake was safely bagged.

Lindsay sat on a corner of his desk and lit a cigarette, offering the case to Dyke. "Phew! That's the first time I've ever helped to catch a mamba," he said. He jerked his thumb at Joe grinning. "I wouldn't have his job for a fortune."

Joe wiped his beared forehead. "It would do your good," he said severely. "What you want is taking out of yourself—with your headaches, and tiredness, and such." His tone was supremely scornful. "Coming in here wanting to shoot people; where would I have been with that wapping mamba. I'd like to know? I've seen a lot of fellows crack up like you, and all I've got to say is, they deserve it. Handling a woman is like handling a snake, I say: a bit of quick dodging, and a firm grip, is the right way with 'em. You've neither of you got the makings of a snake catcher: you're too clumsy."

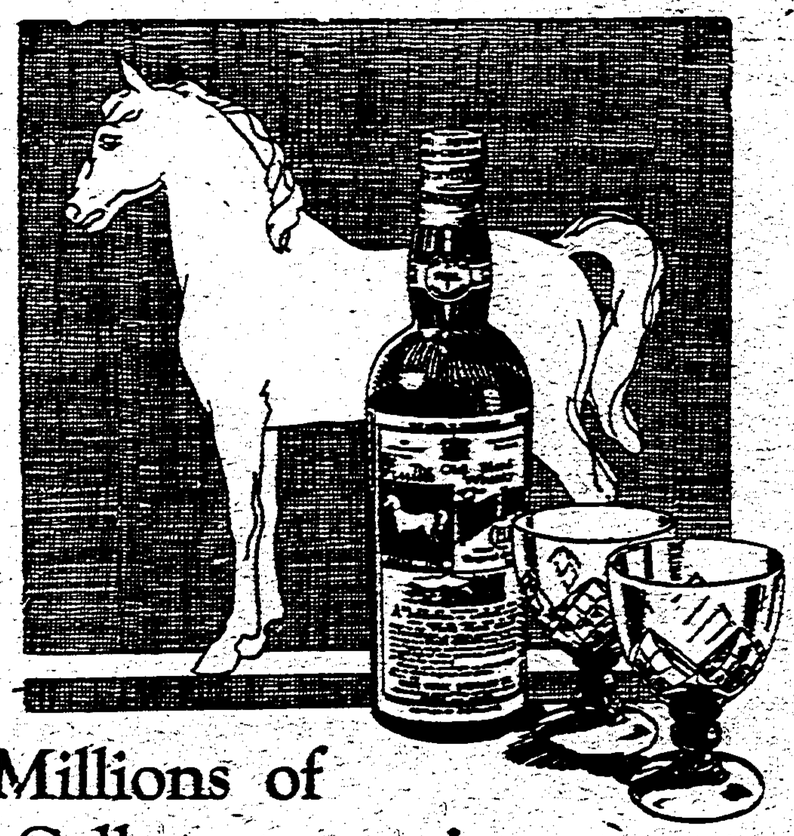
Lindsay looked at Dyke, and looked hurriedly away. He muttered something, in which Dyke thought to catch the words "crazy behaviour." Then he said, "You'd better leave that job I gave you; it's getting late."

"Thanks," replied the cadet cheerfully. "Will you come along for a drink, sir?"

Lindsay got off the desk. "Good idea," he said. He glanced at Joe.

"Yes," said Joe. "I could do with one, too. You fair threw a scare into me with that gun."

The two officials exchanged glance; then they began to laugh.



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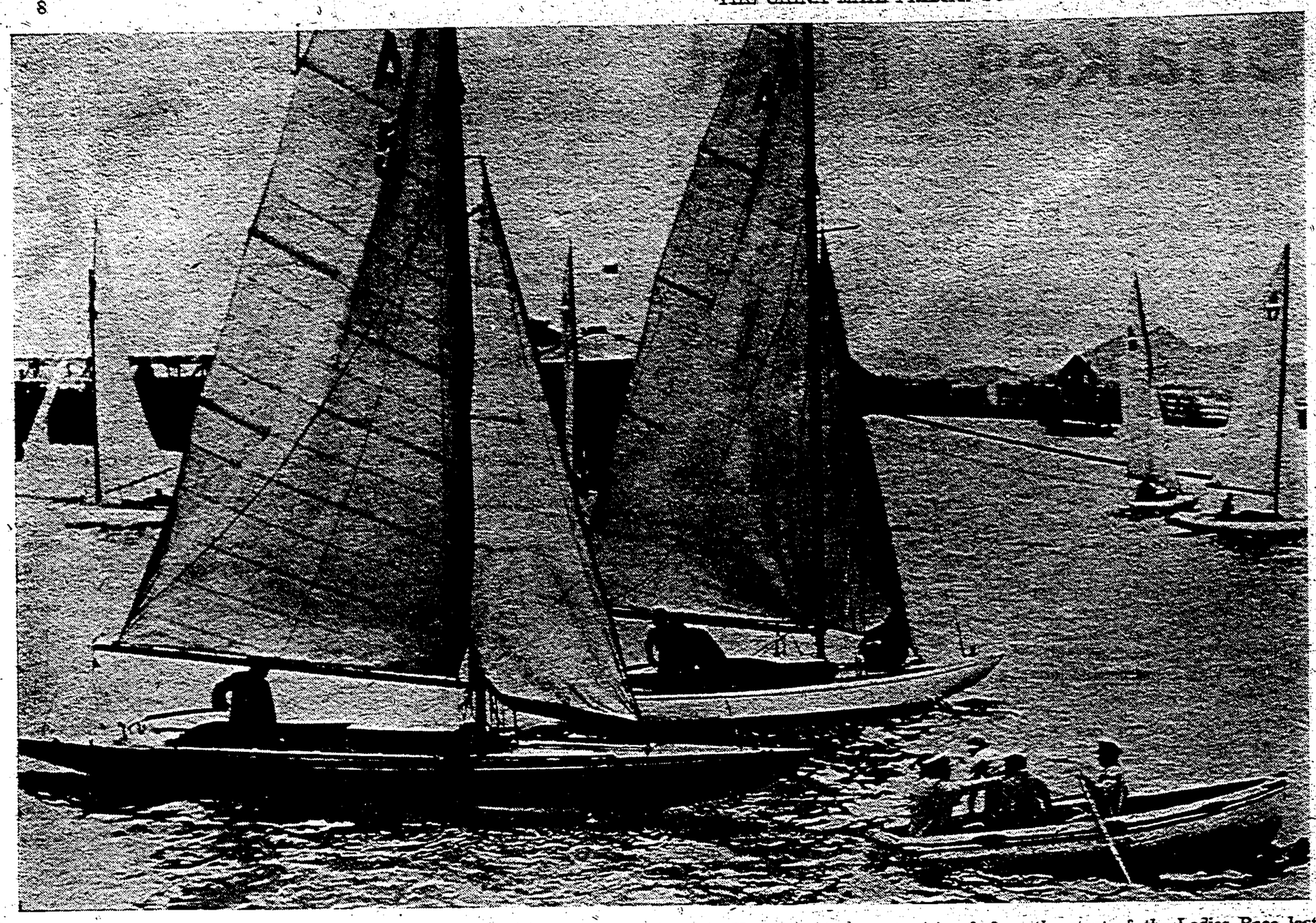

Yachts taking up position before the start of the Ladies Race last Monday. ("Mail" photo).

THE "TRUTH" ABOUT THE SOVIET POLE VISIT

LAST May the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics (sometimes called "Russia" or "Butch" for short) gleefully pointed to a foursome of scientific steeplejacks perched on the North Pole and announced that she was sitting on top of the world.

The fact that Admiral Peary had discovered and claimed the pole for the United States of America a generation previous was a minor technicality which the Russian pole sitters did not allow to interfere with their plans. They promptly reclaimed it for the Soviet Union on the theory that justice was already snow blind and was not likely to risk freezing her feet in an attempt to dispute title.

One of the purposes for which they were supposed to have been sent there was to establish a weather observatory. This was a soft job if there ever was one, as they only had one kind of weather—cold—and could make their daily prediction without getting up from the pinochle table. They also were supposed to act as sort of station keepers for the middle of an air route between Russia and wherever in the United States the flyers happened to land: Finally, it was reported that they were the nucleus of a North Pole colony for the propagation of Ultra-white Russians with snow all over them.

But whatever their purpose, the Soviet savants soon found themselves in the position of a shipwrecked sailor who thinks he has landed on a desert island and finds himself on the back of a whale.

What they were on was an enormous ice floe that was moving at the average speed of a car with a lorry in front of it. They were gradually sliding off the top of the world and there was no way they could stick out a foot and stop themselves.

Life on this slow moving conveyance was not very exciting. The scenery was all the same colour and, as a precautionary measure, it was necessary to retouch the polar bears with a heavy outline of India ink in order to make them visible against the white background.

The monotony became such that even a double feature picture show would have been welcome relief.

Presently they found they had gone 625 miles in approximately eight months. They had sighted Greenland's icy mountains, where only man is vile, and were mighty glad to glimpse this landfall after having floated on a cake of ice month in, month out, like the lone lemon in a tub of circus lemonade.

About this time rumours began to come from abroad that the whole expedition was nothing but a communistic plot to dominate the world from the top down. In other words, it was suspected that these so-called scientists had orders direct from Moscow to put on another glacial period and steer their iceberg through Germany, Italy, Rumania, parts of Spain, and to wipe out Japan on the way home.

What frustrated this diabolical plot, if indeed it was one, was the ice floe began to melt as it neared the Atlantic and the Russian pole sitters were calling for help.

Truth of the entire matter was that the world had been revolving on its axis for millions of years and shunted the Russians southward because it did not want anybody up there throwing a monkey wrench into its gears.

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Immediately after the exhibition thirty more applications for membership were received.

Miss Pamela Scott-Harston's Araxy (Mr. B. A. Proulx up) being led in after its win in The "Hay and Corn" Stakes last Saturday. ("Mail" photo).

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MANCHUKUO NOT PAYING ON C.E.R.

Hsinking, To-day.

The Manchukuo Government has decided to withhold payment to Soviet Russia of the instalment due on March 28, in respect of its acquisition of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

The Manchukuo Government gives as reason for this action that the Chinese Eastern Railway has not paid to the Government of Manchukuo the tax proceeds to the agreed amount of 5,500,000 yen.—Trans-Ocean.

ARAGON FRONT BATTLE

Bilbao, To-day.

The Spanish Nationalist forces continued their advance on the Aragon front yesterday.

The resistance of the enemy near the town of Caspe which has hitherto been used by the republicans as their headquarters, was quickly overcome.

By noon the Nationalists had taken possession of the town of Andentire and the neighbourhood including the important military airport. An enormous amount of war material and a large number of prisoners were captured.

All prisoners are said belong to the International Brigade.—Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET READY FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY

Moscow, To-day.

Speaking to foreign news correspondents yesterday, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Maxim Litvinoff, referring of the Austro-German reunion, said that Moscow would adopt a waiting attitude and that their attitude would be determined by the action of other powers.

M. Litvinoff affirmed Soviet adhesion to its League of Nations obligations, as well as its obligations to France and Czecho-Slovakia.

The Soviet was prepared to participate in collective action to diminish the greatly growing danger of a new world war.

The Soviet was therefore ready to consider, within or outside the League framework, any practical arrangements tending to that aim.

He concluded that it was above all necessary to take swift action, "since to-morrow may be too late."—Trans-Ocean.

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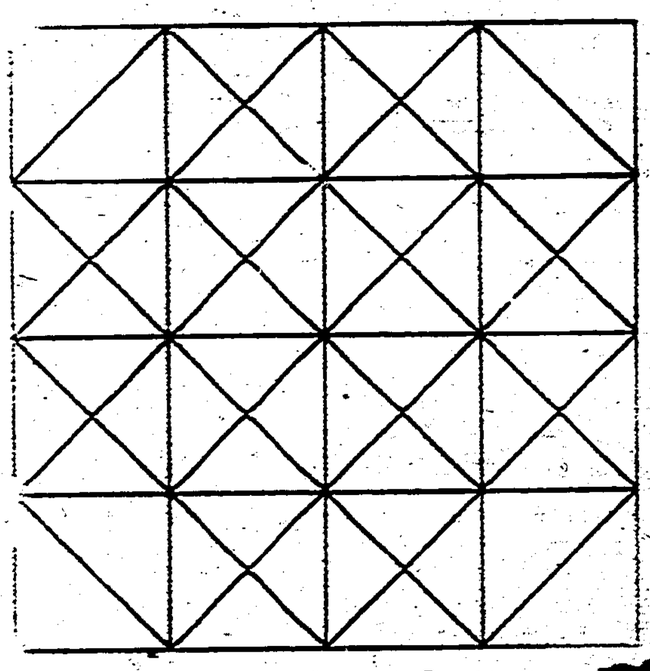

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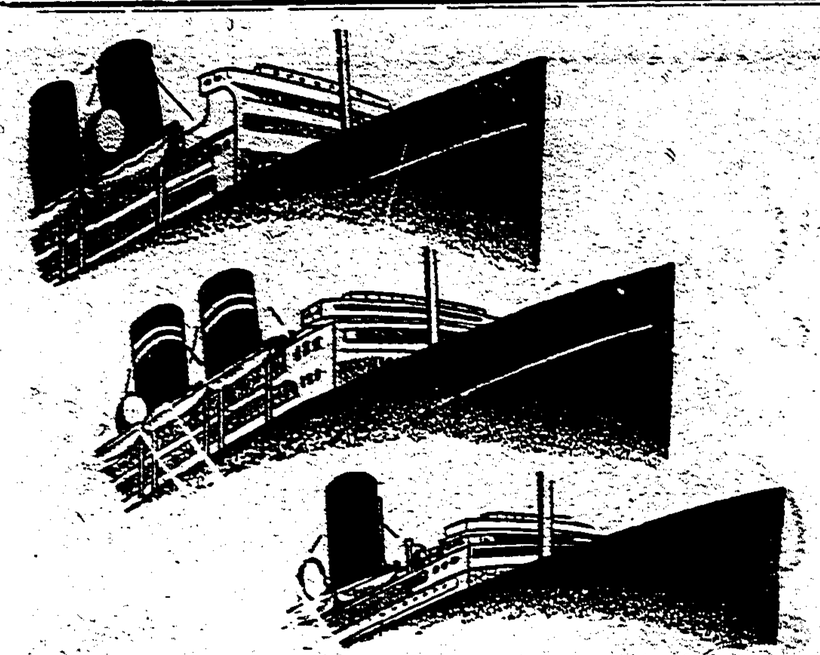

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Tientsin	Prominent	Mar. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, *Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Mar. 19, 3 p.m.
Air Mail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles, 3rd April.	Marechal Joffre	Sat., Mar. 19, G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Mar. 19, 4 p.m. Ord., Mar. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th April.	Marechal Joffre	Sat., Mar. 19, G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Mar. 19, 4.15 p.m. Ord., Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
Amoy and *Shanghai	Tsinan	Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
Manila, Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Egypt and *Europe via Naples—due Naples, 11th April.	Conte Biancamano	Sat., Mar. 19, G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Mar. 19, 4.15 p.m. Ord., Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 27th March.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Mar. 20, Kowloon P.O. Reg., Mar. 19, 5 p.m. Ord., Mar. 19, 5 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Mar. 19, 5 p.m. Ord., Mar. 20, 6 a.m.
Sunday		
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Nanning	Mar. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Sphinx	Mar. 20, 9 a.m.

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HIKAWA MARU ..... Monday, 28th Mar.

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†KEIYO MARU ..... Saturday, 9th Apr.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Hilo, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.
†TAKAOKA MARU (from Kobe) ... Saturday, 23rd April

LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM
TERUKUNI MARU ..... Friday, 25th Mar.
HAKUSAN MARU ..... Saturday, 9th April
HARUNA MARU ..... Saturday, 23rd Apr.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piralus, and Marseilles.
†DAKAR MARU ..... Friday, 8th Apr.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports
ATSUTA MARU ..... Saturday, 26th Mar.
KITANO MARU ..... Saturday, 23rd Apr.

BOMBAY
†TOYAMA MARU ..... Saturday, 26th Mar.
†KUNISHIMA MARU ..... Saturday, 9th Apr.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon
†TSUSHIMA MARU ..... Friday, 25th Mar.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA (Omitting Shanghai)
KITANO MARU ..... Thursday, 17th Mar.
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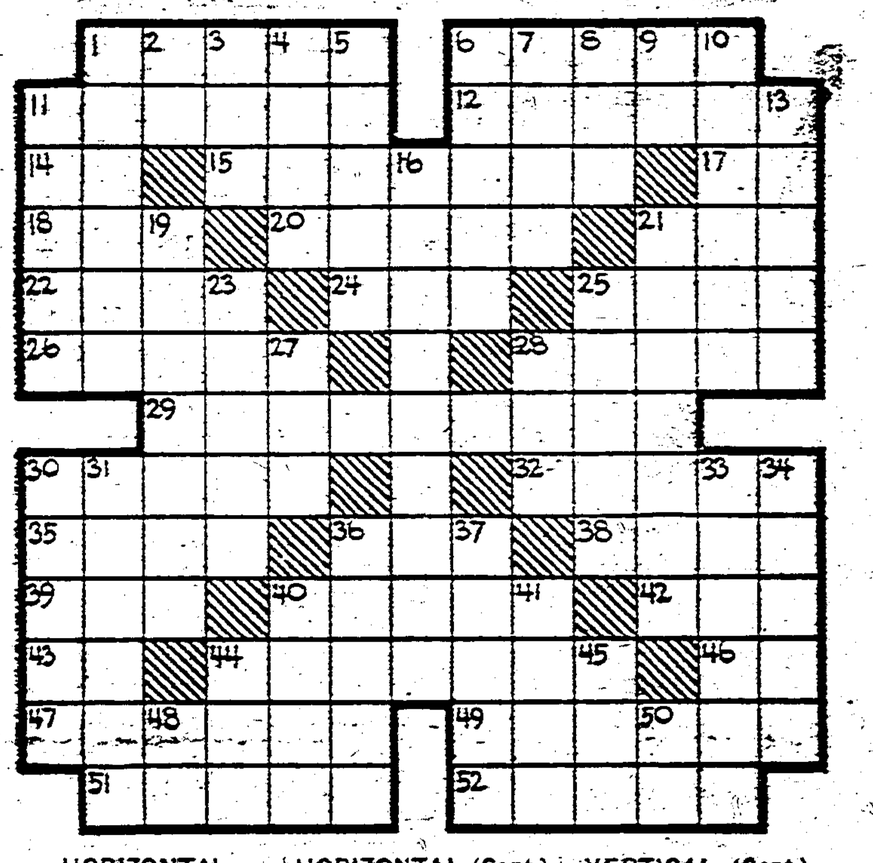


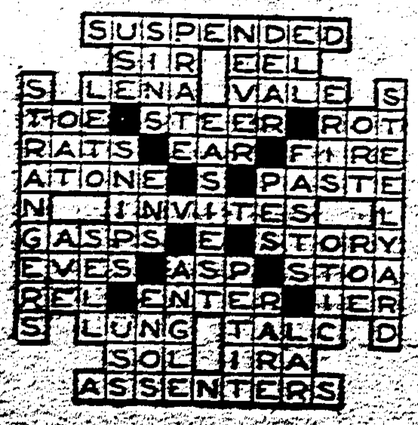
HORIZONTAL
1–To long for
6–Feigns
11–Exchanges
12–Footlevers
14–Runic (abbr.)
15–Holds
17–Near by
18–Atmosphere
20–Leases
21–Sainte (abbr.)
22–Principal Egyptian goddess
24–Fish eggs
25–Entry in an account
26–One afflicted with a dread disease
28–A salad plant
29–A calling forth
30–Dogma
32–Encounter
35–Assert
36–Summit
38–Trigonometrical term
39–Guided

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
40–Vial for vinegar
42–A falsehood
43–Half em
44–Browned by fire
46–Till forbidden (abbr.)
47–Hoarded
49–Runs away and marries
51–Slip
52–Graded

VERTICAL
1–Sail about on water
2–Egyptian god
3–Sum up
4–Turn to another course (Naut.)
5–The natural fat
6–Malice
7–A fowl (pl.)
8–Advertisements (abbr.)
9–Mother
10–Pieces of thin rock
11–Track

VERTICAL (Cont.)
13–Stocky parts of a plant
16–Irregular
19–Matured
21–Perforated sheet for marking
23–Cut
25–Presses
27–Decay
28–One hundred two
30–Stories
31–Happenings
33–Joined
34–Rocky ridges in water
36–Exchange
37–Man's name
40–Girl attending male college
41–Web-like membrane
44–Prefix. Thrice
45–Speck
48–Old Latin (abbr.)
50–Protestant Episcopal (abbr.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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For the information of visitors the following list of some of the the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island	Feet.
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	Nankai Maru	Fri.,	22nd Apr.
RIO-DE-JANEIRO, SANTOS MONTEVIDEO & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Cape Town	La Plata Maru	Mon.,	28th Mar.
	Buenos Aires Maru	Mon.,	21st Apr.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARESSALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo	Africa Maru	Sat.,	2nd Apr.
	Hawaii Maru	Wed.,	4th May
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Taijin Maru	Sun.,	3rd Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon	Havre Maru	Sat.,	2nd Apr.
JAPAN via Takao and Keelung			
JAPAN PORTS	Celebes Maru	Wed.,	23rd Mar.
KEELUNG via Takao	Canton Maru	Thurs.,	24th Mar.

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Asia	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	—	May 2
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TIN BUFFER POOL SCHEME

London, To-day.

A proposed scheme for the formation of a Tin Buffer Pool, provides for buying by the Pool in the event of the price falling below £200 sterling or selling when it is above £230 but the limits may be varied if a marked change in the price structure renders it necessary.

The Pool stock will be created by contributions from the signatory countries, equalling 7½ per cent. of the standard tonnages which will be forfeited and proportionately redistributed among other signatories if any signatory fails to produce their quota.

SECRET OPERATIONS

The Pool will remain operative until January 1, 1942 and its operations will be controlled by a small body appointed by an International committee and will be secretly carried out through the London Metal Exchange.

An account of the available stocks will be rendered to the International Committee prior to each quota meeting.

As regards premiums on special brands over standard quality, the scheme follows the regulations of the old Buffer Pool Scheme, namely, premiums to be returned to the producers.—Reuter.

BANK DIVIDEND

The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, have received a telegram from the Head Office in London advising that at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders a Final Dividend of 6 per cent. on the "A", "B" and "C" shares will be recommended (making 12 per cent. for the year less Income Tax) £20,000 written off Landed and House property, £25,000 Contingency account, £173,327 carried forward to 1938 account.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

April/June 22-⅞ b. down ⅛.
July/Sept. 23-⅜ b. down ⅛.
Oct/Dec. 23-⅝ b. down ⅛.
Market: Steady.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS OPERATES

A claim for $1,000 on a promissory note, dated March 16, 1921, was declared barred in accordance with the Statute of Limitations, by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Supreme Court this morning, when judgment was given Mr. A. M. D'Eca who was sued by Luk Lai-ting.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. F. A. Loseby, and Mr. P. M. Hodgson appeared for defendant.

Plaintiff claimed that the action was not barred by the Limitations Act as the debt was renewed on March 18, 1935, when defendant acknowledged it in a letter to plaintiff's agent stating that he could not pay the money but would do so when he was able.

In delivering judgment, the Puisne Judge pointed out that the main point was to consider whether or not the letter dated March 18, 1935, signed by defendant was sufficient acknowledgment of the debt incurred in 1921, to exclude operation of the Statute of Limitations which would otherwise bar the claim.

It was common ground that to displace the Statuary Bar, the admission of liability must be unconditional and unequivocal.

SETTLED LAW

It has been settled law that a written promise to pay, given within six years before the action, was sufficient to take the case outside the Limitations Act.

Remarking that as there was no evidence before him of defendant's present ability to pay anything, the Puisne Judge gave judgment for defendant, with costs, stating that defendant's action was not such as to displace the Statutory Bar.

FLIGHT OF CAPITAL TO UNITED STATES

London, To-day.

The recent large-scale flight of European capital to the United States finds reflection in an authentic report that gold to the value of approximately seven million pounds sterling is shortly being shipped from the United Kingdom to the United States.

Well-informed quarters express the opinion that the shipments are entirely connected with the operations of various European exchange funds.—Reuter.

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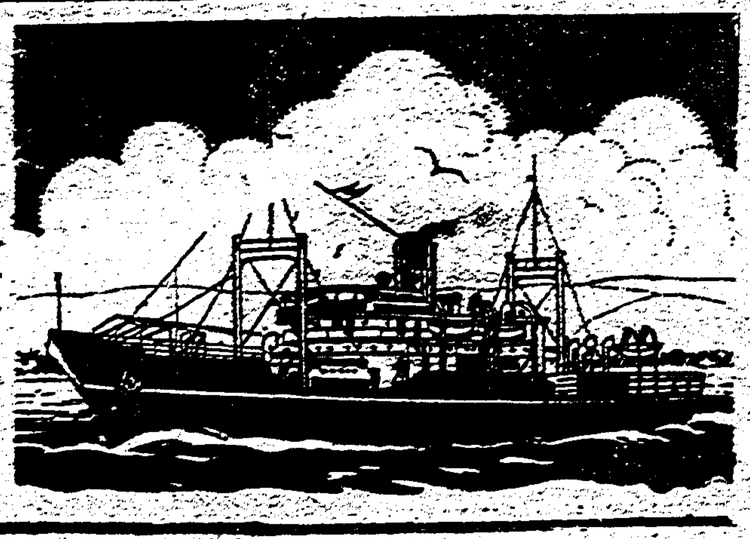

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YOUNG WOMAN CHARGES MOTHER

Ku Shut-yung, aged 22, was complainant before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy when her mother, Ku Hang-po, a widow, was charged with the theft of $600 and a gold bangle.

Mr. Peter H. Sin was for the prosecution, while the defendant was represented by Mr. Hin Shing-lo. The case was adjourned for 72 hours.

The matter was first brought to the attention of the Secretary of Chinese Affairs and Miss P. Harrop, the new Lady Assistant, was present in court.

CHINA'S PLACE IN THE FUTURE

"The guardianship of the intelligence may well pass from Europe to the Americas or to China and India, technically fertilised by Russia, and the latter seems more probable to me," says John Middleton Murry in a thought-provoking article entitled "The Future of Civilisation," printed in the latest issue, now on sale, of the T'ien Hsia Monthly.

The theme is that the new nationalism of China is a non-aggressive nationalism and therefore a new phenomenon in world history.

Other articles in this well-printed and produced journal include "The Odyssey of a people," by E. Woo, and "Chen San-li, the poet," by H.H.Hu.

LOCAL SHARE

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong (Lon. Reg.) $87 b.
Bank of East Asia $80 b.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. $540 sa.

SHIPPING

Douglases $67 b.
H. K. Steamboats $13¾ b., $13 sa.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

Providents (Old) $3.40 b., $3.30 sa.
Providents (New) $1.45 b., $1.40/50 sa.

MINING

Antamoks Ps. .51 sa.
Atoks Ps. .28 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .21½ sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.80 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .53 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps. .011 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .36 sa.
I. X. L. Ps. 70 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .21 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .49 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .17½ sa.
United Paracales Ps. .41 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. Lands 4% Debentures 100% b.
Chinese Estates $95 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Peak Trams (Old) $7 b.
H. K. Electrics $59 sa.
Sandakan Lights $14 b.
Telephones (Old) $27½ sa.

STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms $25¾ sa.
Lane, Crawfords $9¾ s.
Sinceres $2.10 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Constructions $1½ b.
Vibro Piling $5½ b.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 3/10 b.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ST. PATRICK'S BALL

TO-DAY at

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A BUFFET SUPPER will be served from 11.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Tables may be booked with the Management of the Peninsula Hotel before 7.00 p.m. on the night of the Ball.

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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-13/16.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-1/2 and forward at 20-1/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.$4.9681 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.$4.96-5/16.

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1ST EXTRA RACE MEET A SUCCESS

CORONATION DAY'S FAILURE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND

Mr. "Benny" Proulx Rides Very Cleverly

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(By "RAPIER")

THE First Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club last Saturday attracted a very satisfactory attendance of racing fans, and, despite the fact that it was featured by several upsets, racing on the whole was of a high standard. Conditions for racing were far from ideal; it was uncomfortably cold at times, but those who turned up were rewarded with an afternoon of keen racing, and the finish in some of the events was certainly most thrilling.

Riding honours among the jockeys went deservedly to Mr. Benny Proulx, who scored four wins, including his effortless success on Silkylight. I have never seen Mr. Proulx riding with such rare judgment, and his handling of Lancashire Chips, in the last race, was superb, enabling a new lady owner, Mrs. J. H. Taggart, to lead in a winner on the second appearance of her candidate.

Mr. Donald Black had two wins, and those who backed him on Sea Dragon had every reason to feel gratified, especially the holder of the solitary ticket which annexed the daily double with the payment of nearly $6,000 in dividend.

As far as owners were concerned, honours were evenly divided, with no owner enjoying more than one win.

A GOOD START

The day's programme opened with an event for subscription griffins of any season that had not won a race since the commencement of the Annual Race Meeting. The failure of Coronation Day, ridden by Mr. S. W. Tang, was hard to understand, and it can only be put down to a lapse of form.

Noted for his ability in getting off to a good start in sprint events, Mr. Benny Proulx made no mistake about it when he sent Araxy out in front on the rise of the barrier.

It was followed close behind by Mac's Adventure (Mr. L. B. Chao), while Lucky Eleven (Mr. K. S. Shu) also secured a good position.

Coming into the straight Araxy was still in the lead, but its position was strongly challenged by both Mac's Adventure and Lucky Eleven. The finish was very close, the verdict going to Araxy by a neck, with only a neck separating Mac's Adventure from Lucky Eleven for second place. Had Lucky Eleven come up a little earlier, it could possibly have won. As it was, by coming in third, it paid the handsome return of $54.20 for an investment of $5.00. With only 19 tickets on it to win, it would have paid a sensational dividend!

WHALSEY'S EFFORT REPEATED

On the fourth day of the Annual Race Meeting, Whalsey dislodged its rider and galloped round the course and yet won the race. Last Saturday, Handicap Eve had practically the same experience, the only difference being that the jockey was unable to stop the pony until it had cantered round. Handicap Eve evidently benefitted from this initial gallop, but one would have thought that it would have been tired out. Yet Handicap Eve won, although by a short head, and I, for one, feel that it would be useless to attempt to give any explanation for its amazing performance.

On the rise of the barrier, Handicap Eve went to the front, followed by Lancashire Lass (Mr. C. L. Gregory), with Humdrum Eve (Mr. K. I. Ip) third, followed by Rose Jane in the rear. The same position was maintained until after passing the Rock, when Humdrum Eve moved up, but Handicap Eve was still leading 100 yards from the end.

It was at this stage that the three ponies were practically together, and a great struggle ensued. Amidst tense excitement, the three of them passed the winning post as if in line, but Handicap Eve was given the verdict by a short head, the same distance separating Lancashire Lass from Humdrum Eve.

Mr. Benny Proulx, above, rode very cleverly at last Saturday's First Extra Race Meeting and headed the list of most successful jockeys with four wins.

OAK BAY IN BEST FORM

In the third race, the "All Out" Stakes over six furlongs, His Excellency the Governor was an interested spectator, Lady Northcote's candidate, Gladiator, having a very good chance of winning. It might have won but for the fact that Oak Bay, handled very well indeed by Mr. Proulx, was in its racing element.

As generally expected, Mr. Proulx shot Oak Bay into the lead, with Gladiator a length or so behind. From the very start it was apparent that the finish was going to be fought out between these two ponies.

Coming into the straight, Oak Bay was still in front with Gladiator coming up strongly. Mr. Y. T. Fung did all he could to get the best out of Gladiator, but Oak Bay maintained its lead and won by a short head, with Harvest View (Mr. H. C. Pih) third, several lengths behind.

ANOTHER UPSET

The fourth race, the Randwick Plate over one mile, for Australian ponies of this season that had not won, produced another upset. In the absence of Lucky Lad, which was reported as having not fully recovered from lameness, the public's fancy fell on Macquarie River (Mr. S. W. Tang), with Colorado Star (Mr. Proulx) also well supported.

The finish of this race provided a surprise as Rex (Mr. A. W. Raymond) came through from behind and won fairly easily. Those who backed it had the satisfaction of collecting $63.20. Macquarie River and Colorado Star fought out a great finish for second position, and only a head separated them at the end.

PLANCHET JUSTIFIES REPUTATION

Those who read my notes last Friday will recall that I expressed the opinion that Planchet was shortly due for a win. I have always maintained that Planchet was among the best of this year's subscription griffins, and it at last gave Mr. F. C. Hall, the owner, the satisfaction of scoring his first win.

On Saturday Mr. Needa had little difficulty in getting Planchet to run with the rest, although it was again in the rear until reaching the Rock, when it gradually moved up. Louis XIV (Mr. Tang) had to be whipped immediately coming into the straight, with Smiling Thru (Mr. B. L. Tao) practically in line.

It was then that Mr. Needa found a ready response from Planchet, and with another 100 yards to go, it was really a toss up as to which pony would win. Jockeyship told in the end, however, and with a great effort Mr. Needa pushed Planchet ahead just on the winning post, with Louis XIV exactly the same space ahead of Smiling Thru. It must be stated that Louis XIV conceded no less than 20 lbs. to Planchet.

NO OPPOSITION

Both Desert Chief and King's Warden failed to appear in the Hong Kong Handicap, "A" Division, and in their absence there was really no opposition for Silkylight, carrying 168 lbs. and ridden by Mr. Proulx. The race, nevertheless, was quite interesting up to a certain stage. With Honeymoon Eve (Mr. Y. T. Fung) setting a hot pace, Mr. Proulx had to move up long before reaching the Rock. Even then, Soldier of Honour (Mr. K. S. Shu) was still in the picture, but to the surprise of all, it accountably bored out on rounding the bend, with the result that by the time it was under control again, Silkylight was too far ahead to be seriously challenged, and won easily, hard-held by the jockey.

Mrs. Dunbar's Red Feather (Mr. S. W. Tang) did quite well to secure second position, with Cossack's Beauty (Mr. H. C. Pih) third. But for its sudden lapse in boring out, Soldier of Honour could have taken second position, with the possibility of forcing Silkylight to fight a little harder.

ONE LUCKY PUNTER

As I stated previously, those who succeeded in selecting the winner of the first leg in the Daily Double were presented with a fascinating problem of making the right connection in the second leg.

Although 164 tickets were held on Planchet, only Mr. Aubrey Edgar, the well known share-broker, had the fortune to place a ticket on Sea Dragon.

He was indeed fortunate, but luck certainly favoured him, as Cape Comorin was shut out at a vital stage of the race, and it had to be pulled up, with the result that it lost valuable ground. With so many ponies running, it was difficult to pick out the leaders until well past the Rock, when it was noticed that Mr. Black had sent Sea Dragon out in front.

The heavily-backed Charybdis, ridden by Mr. Needa, found itself shut in, and it could not break through until rather late. Cape Comorin (Mr. F. F. Li), however, had the rails immediately behind Sea Dragon.

Within a 100 yards from the finish, Mr. Li tried to take Cape Comorin past Sea Dragon, but it was unable to get through, with the result that he had to pull up Cape Comorin and turn out to the left. Charybdis was coming up strongly, and these three ponies indulged in a most exciting struggle, but Sea Dragon had sufficient energy to finish the race with a neck to spare. Cape Comorin just managed to nose out Charybdis by a head. It was a grand finish.

MR. BLACK'S STRATEGY

Despite the fact that New Star (Mr. Y. T. Fung) was carrying 168 lbs. and the distance was 1¼ miles, it was made firm favourite, but could do no better than occupy third place. Quite a number of people realised that

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Powerful Attack From Net Too Much For Opponents

LOS PLAY PLUCKILY AND DRIVE WELL BUT OUTPLAYED

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH beaten convincingly by E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung in the Colony Open Tennis Championships at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, those old campaigners, M. W. and M. K. Lo, played sufficiently well to indicate that their standard is still a good deal higher than the great majority of competitors.

THEY WERE PERHAPS UNFORTUNATE THAT THEY RAN UP AGAINST BOTH FINCHER AND HUNG ON THE TOP OF THEIR FORM—ON FORM WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN THEIR STRONGEST RIVALS IN THE TOURNAMENT A GOOD DEAL TO THINK ABOUT.

Nevertheless, despite the straight sets victory, play was generally very interesting, there being some rallies which on occasions were remarkable for their speed and length.

For the most part it was a battle between the drive and the volley. Both the Los served effectively and on the whole matched their opponents in this department. But, probably realising that they had not the speed of foot as of old, they made no effort to follow up to the net—the basis of all modern doubles play—and were therefore forced on the defensive for most of the game.

On the other hand, Fincher and Hung wasted no opportunities of taking the forecourt and such was their command of the volley and the smash, that, drive as well as did the Los, they were virtually up against a brick wall all the time.

There were isolated occasions when both Fincher and Hung smashed particularly accurate lobs out of court, and others where the Los pierced their rocklike defence with scorching drives up the middle, but for the most part, the losers were faced with the unenviable task of scampering about the court picking up sharply angled volleys, or positioning themselves almost on the back screen trying desperately to break down that barrage of smashes meted out to their deepest lobs.

ON TOP MOST OF GAME

There is little in the play of the winners that calls for comment. They were right on top for the greater part of the game and freed from any anxiety, they always went for the shots most likely to bring them quick points.

Hung was brilliant on the volley and smashed very effectively, while Fincher was the complete master even in the most awkward losing position.

On the other side, I thought that M. W. Lo took far more of the game than the play of his partner warranted. On several occasions he flashed out some of those heavily-topped forehand drives which were chiefly responsible for his winning the championship a few years ago, but generally, unless he had a fair amount of time in which to position himself, he was inclined to hit too soon or too late with disastrous effects.

M.K., at his best played some very nice shots off the ground and

his remarkable retrieving of smashes brought appreciative applause from the large crowd which had gathered to watch a most entertaining match.

THE PLAY

The winners were never worried unduly in the first set although they lost three games, but, in the second, play was far more even. Both the Lo brothers improved considerably in their driving and any successes they scored at this period came as the result of errors which Hung and Fincher, firmly entrenched at the net, were forced into as the result of their hard-hitting.

Games went with service until the fifth, when M. W. dropped his. Hung promptly followed suit and evened matters. In the ninth, M. W. again proved unsuccessful and Hung made no second mistake, although 15—40 down, and went out for set and match.

Lee Wai-tong made further progress at the expense of Wei Chung, who proved no match for the consistent all-round play and powerful service of China's soccer idol.

RESULTS

Singles

Lee Wai-tong beat Wei Chung 6—1, 6—1.

Doubles

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat M. W. and M. K. Lo 6—3, 6—4.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS PROGRAMME

The following is to-day's Lawn Tennis Championship programme:

Singles Championship

Tsui Wai-pui v A. Chan.

Doubles Championship

J. W. Leonard and George Choa or A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett.

Club Singles Championship

E. E. Storey v R. L. D. Wodehouse.

Singles Handicap

J. C. Pool (—1/6) v J. A. H. Douglass (—2/6).

T. E. Nave (—5/6) v L. M. S. Lloyd (scr.).

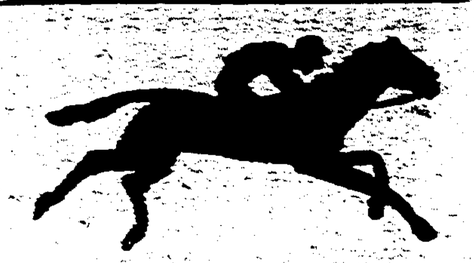
E. R. Childe (—1/6) v Capt. Harvey (—2/6).

A. C. I. Bowker (—2/6) v J. T. B. Evans —3/6).

Doubles Handicap

F. V. Harrison and W. Sander (—15.2) v C. C. Stark and R. S. Scull (scr.).

L. R. Andrewes and E. H. Williams (—1/6) v A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell (—3/6).



Racing

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Commencement Bay (Mr. Black) was down to the minumum weight, and on that account alone it was fairly well backed. In this race Mr. Black revealed clever strategy by sending Commencement Bay out in to the front, and although Mr. Needa made a determined effort on King's Lead, it was of no avail as Commencement Bay furnished the more powerful last quarter.

Through a misunderstanding, King's Lead was unable to draw the correct weight at the conclusion of the race, and it was accordingly disqualified, the official result of the race being Commencement Bay, New Star and Bright View.

FITTING CLIMAX

The Moonie Ponds Handicap, for Australian ponies, provided a fitting climax to an afternoon of keen racing, with the result just as exciting as some of the other events. It was a case of selecting either Blandford (Mr. Tao) or Lancashire Chips (Mr. Proulx). These two ponies were really outstanding, although I expected to see Home Brew (Mr. Ralph) give a better account of itself, but it ran unplaced.

The start of the race saw Aztec (Mr. Gregory) take the lead, with Lancashire Chips trailing behind, followed by Blandford, about two lengths in the rear. After passing the Rock, Lancashire Chips overhauled Aztec, and on coming into the straight, it was seriously challenged by Blandford, which was then gradually moving up. At one stage it appeared as if Blandford was actually leading, but Lancashire Chips responded gamely and with a superb effort passed the winning post just a head in front of Blandford.

It was indeed a thrilling finish, and, on leading the pony in, Mrs. J. H. Taggart, the new owner, received hearty congratulations from her friends on her first success on the local turf, which it is hoped will prove the forerunner of many others.

BASEBALL MEETING TO-DAY

There will be a meeting of the Hong Kong Baseball League to-day, at 5.30 p.m. at the Brook Club, No. 7 Middle Road, Kowloon. All baseball enthusiasts are welcome, and representatives or managers of Clubs are requested to attend.

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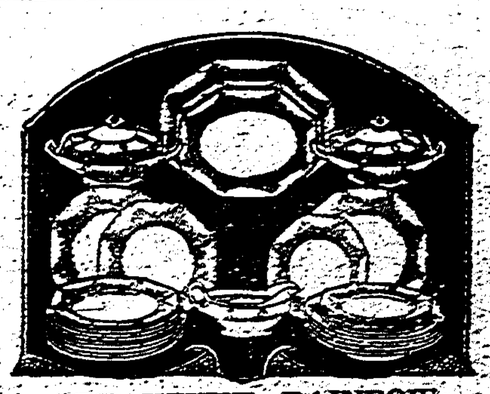

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ENTRIES FOR 2ND EXTRA RACE MEETING

The following are the entries for the Second Extra Race Meeting, to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, March 26:—

1.—Coolgarde Handicap. — (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Boris, Bredon, Colorado Star, Lily, Lucky Lad, Macquarie River, Sea Urchin, Sydney Bridge and The Buffer.

2.—Canton Handicap.—Six Furlongs.

Cameronian, Confusion Bay, Dawn Star, Handicap Eve, Harvest View, Havoc Eve, Honeymoon Eve, Jober, King's Coronation, King's Justice, National Pride, New Star, Potentate, Red Feather, Rob Roy, Rose Queen and Royal Scot.

3.—St. Kilda Handicap. — (About Five Furlongs).

Beat That, Brutus, Discovery Bay, Llangollen, Macquarie River, Perfect Day, Racing Heart, Rooiify, Sea Urchin, Snowy River, The Buffer, Twilight Star and Zodiac.

4.—Sub.-Griffins Spring Handicap.—1¼ Miles.

Bistre, Borrachito, Desert Star, Louis XIV, Mac's Adventure, No Fear, Piet Hein, Planchet, Rose Evelyn, Salvage Master and The Leopard.

5.—Swatow Handicap.—(About One Mile 171 Yards).

Diogenes, Election Time, Flybynight, Gold Coin, Gold Sovereign, Gold Morning, Mac's Adventure, Plain View, Sylvandale and Valorous.

6.—Broken Hill Handicap.—(About Five Furlongs).

Blandford, Courting Eve, Double Finesse, Electron, Home Brew and Lancashire Chips.

7.—Kongmun Handicap.—One Mile.

Acme, Ali Baba, Astrik, Bestevaer, Be Yourself, Cape Comorin, Captain Blood, Charybdis, Cleeve, Cricketer, Cuban Love, Dark Hazard, Fei Ying, Five Rulers, Golden Brew, Golden Cow, Iron Knight, Jack High, Labour Day, Lancashire Chap, Lucky Eleven, Lucky Seven, National Guard, Sahara Star, Split Hand, Tribute and Wenning.

8.—Wuchow Handicap.—Six Furlongs.

Humdrum Eve, Just In Time, Lancashire Lass, National Defence, Rose Jane, Sunlight View and Tampa Bay.

9.—Fatshan Handicap.—One Mile.

Amberley, Boolat Bay, Bright View, Centre Forward, Commencement Bay, Jungle Jim, King's Bounty, King's Lead, Laughing Buddha, Laughing Girl, Royal Consort, Scenic View, Soldier of China, Tiny Eagle and Tyne.

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON SEMI-FINALS

Mixed Doubles Championship Encounters

Two entertaining badminton matches should be witnessed this evening at the Taikoo Club when the semi-finals in the Mixed Doubles Championship, of the Colony, will take place, commencing at 6.30 p.m. The programme is as follows:

P. H. Wong and Miss W. M. Cheung v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (6.30 p.m.).

P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo v. J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro (7 p.m.).

LINCOLN HANDICAP PROBABLES

London, To-day.

The following are the probable starters for the Lincolnshire Handicap:—

Dan Bulger (Weston), Thankerton (Sammy Wragg), Allegiance (Harry Wragg), Pampas Grass (Perryman), Ticcagari (Marshall), Pikebarn (Lowrey), Belami (Beary), Phakos (E. Smith), Moody (Gordon Richards), Gallow Gate (Caldwell), Zaimis (Sibbritt), Star Flyer (Maher), Aldine (Richardson), Squadron Castle (Nevett), Consequential (Carr), Kylesofminard (Burns), Mythical Ray (Gill), Boozers Gloom (Hunter), Hornpipe (Sirett), Galsonia (Wells), Peggy Lad (Dyson), Lone Mount (Christie) Farmer Giles (Lacey), Coeus (Gilbert), Torlaine (Lynch).

The following horses are without jockeys:—Mino, Paul Beg, Apollo Llanarmon, Judo, Walter's Pride, Inishoofin, Port Sunlight, Dead Level, Broadoaks, Leamington, Couleurde Rose.

It is doubtful whether Scarlet Princess, Marmaduke Jinks and Gibbons will run.—Reuter.

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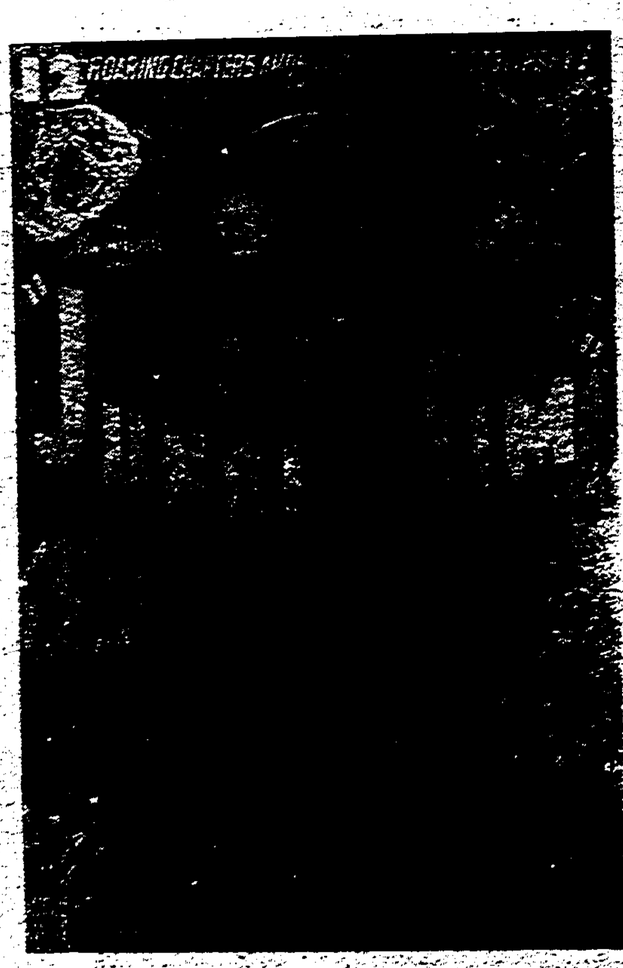

11.00 A.M. TO-MORROW & SUNDAY.

QUEEN'S

D. SPRECKLEY THROWN

(By "RAPIER")

An accident of a minor nature occurred this morning, in which Mr. Spreckley, a novice rider, was involved.

He took out Election Time, which originally belonged to Mr. Li Po-chun, but which has since been acquired by Mr. W. H. S. Davis. When nearing the 1¾ mile post, Mr. Spreckley was thrown. He appeared stunned, but managed to return to the Jockey Club unassisted. The pony ran round the track, and eventually found its way back to the stable.

MINIATURE FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Lee Wai-tong Becomes The President

The Hong Kong Miniature Football Federation, which has made remarkable progress since its institution in 1936, has decided to enlarge its organisation and establish two new branches, one in Kowloon and the other in Hong Kong.

In the recent election of officials, Mr. Lee Wai-tong accepted the post of president, while the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo became Hon. Presidents.

Arrangements in the competition for the M. K. Lo Cup are being made, twenty teams having entered.

OFFICIALS

The following are the officials recently elected:

President, Mr. Lee Wai-tong.

Hon. Presidents.—The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. Kwok Chuen, Chow Man-chi and Wong Wai-lau.

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General Committee.—Messrs. Fok Tit-yee, Pau Kok-wan, Pau Chi-tuen, Che Chik-chi, Wan Pat-hon, Lui Chiu-ming, Cheung Yan-shing, Chung Chi-ying and Pau Hong-lam.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL SPORTS

The Diocesan Boys' School annual athletic sports will be held this afternoon on the School ground commencing at 2 o'clock. In conjunction with the sports, there will also be a Hobbies Exhibition.

BASEBALL PRACTICE

The Hong Kong Baseball Club will hold a practice next Sunday at 10 a.m., on the vacant lot opposite the La Salle College, where all practises were held last season. New comers to the Colony, who wish to turn out for this sport, will be welcomed, as the League season will begin in April.

COOPER WINS OAKLAND GOLF "OPEN"

Harry Cooper, English-born American professional, has won the Oakland open championship with a total of 275 strokes for 72 holes. He needed an "eagle" 3 to win at the final hole of 468 yards. His individual rounds were 70, 66, 71, 68. The winning prize was $240.

WAITE WORTH HIS PLACE

Only Player Able To Keep Sievers At Bay

Sydney, February 5.—M. G. Waite, the South Australian all-rounder, who was the surprise inclusion in Australia's team for England, proved his stubborn batsmanship to-day for South Australia in their Sheffield Shield match with Victoria at Adelaide. He did not give a chance during his stay of 1 hour 46 mins for 45 not out, while wickets fell at the other end.

South Australia were all out for 157, and Mark Sievers, whose omission from the touring team came as a surprise, replied to the selectors by taking six wickets for 43. In reply, Victoria made 195 (J. Lee 44), and South Australia were 34 for 0 at the close of play.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings For Fanling

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.12 a.m. G. A. Leiper, E. C. Norris.
9.16 " C. C. Willson, W. B. Richardson.
9.20 " Comdr. Hole, W. G. Robertson.
9.24 " F. D. Angus, W. W. C. Shewan.
9.28 " R. J. Shrigley, S. C. Feltham.
9.32 " D. Forbes, J. A. R. Selby.
9.36 " J. G. Cotesworth, N. P. Fox.
9.40 " J. C. Dunbar, E. L. Groome.
9.44 " O. E. C. Marton, L. Goldman.
9.48 " R. E. H. Nelson, L. R. Cramer.
9.52 " J. Rodger, R. Young.
9.56 " E. Davidson, A. B. Raworth.
10.00 " L. P. Tamworth, A. V. Greaves.
10.04 " K. S. Morrison, L. H. Geare.
10.08 " K. K. Rounds, D. S. Robb.
10.12 " W. N. A. Smalley, J. W. Mayhew.
10.16 " G. H. Henry, W. Woodward.
10.20 " A. E. Perry, K. R. Quick.
10.24 " A. C. L. Bowker, J. H. M. Andrew.
10.28 " J. B. Martin, R. G. Riddell-Carre.
10.32 " R. G. Gray, M. F. L. Haynes.
10.36 " A. T. Lay, N. D. Lloyd.
10.40 " G. S. Archbutt, H. S. Hills.
10.44 " P. Morrison, T. Lindars.
10.48 " J. A. D. Morrison, J. H. McElney.
10.52 " B. J. Morahan, H. H. Mundy.
10.56 " A. D. and D. Humphreys.
11.00 " R. D. Gillespie, A. H. Forbes.
11.04 " R. W. Roberts, A. S. Adamson.
11.08 " J. B. H. Leckie, R. F. J. Lindsell.
11.12 " A. Sommerfelt, S. H. Dodwell.

NEW COURSE

9.16 a.m. T. Gill, W. H. Way.
9.24 " Mrs. Hole, Mrs. Robertson.
9.32 " H. and Mrs. Overy.
9.48 " Col. King, Major Baines.
10.12 " Mrs. Smalley, Miss Glover.
10.20 " Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Woodward.
10.28 " W. A. and Mrs. Cornell.
10.48 " C. W. Jeffries, Col. Matthews.

Quite a number of young managers are hoping for big things from their teams in the Cup. David Halliday of Aberdeen; Sam Blythe of St. Mirren; Tom Craig of Falkirk; Tom Blair of Dundee United; Willie Ferguson of Queen of the South, have each been less than two years with their respective clubs. And there is Jemmy M'Grory, of Kilmarnock whose byp takes them into round three.

NAVY DESERVING LEAGUE WINNERS

TRIUMPH DESPITE LACK OF REGULAR PLAYERS

K. L. Ng Concludes Season Very Well

SARGENT AGAIN TO THE FORE

(By "ADREM")

THE Navy Juniors have won the Second Division Cricket League in the face of great adversity and the hearty congratulations of all local cricketers will go to them on their success.

TEMPERED WITH THE PLEASURE AT THEIR PERFORMANCE, HOWEVER, WILL BE A FEELING OF SYMPATHY FOR CRAIGENGOWER, WHO HAVE TRIED VERY HARD THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, ONLY TO BE "PIPPED" AT THE POST.

In view of the fact that they have been affected almost weekly by ships' movements and they have been quite unable to keep eleven players together as a team, special credit is due to the champions for their achievement and to their enthusiastic Hon. Secretary, Lt. Comdr. D'Arcy-Evans for the hard work he has put in.

So far as I can ascertain from my records, the only members of the side who have played more or less regularly are Lt. Comdr. D'Arcy-Evans, Comdr. Wauchope and Ldg. Wtr. Jeffery, while C. P. O. Hutley, Lt. Webster, Ldg. Wtr. Church and L. S. A. Fynn, have played in approximately half the games.

Despite misgivings in many quarters regarding their prospects against the vastly improved University team last Saturday, they pulled off an exceedingly meritorious victory but I can well imagine the palpitations suffered by each member of the side, when the 'Varsity total crept slowly nearer, to finally fall short by a mere two runs.

Navy batted first and their batting proved extraordinarily inconsistent. Only C. P. O. Hutley, Lt. Webster and Comdr. Wauchope reached double figures against the the fine bowling of K. L. Ng, Teoh and R. Singh and when, they were all dismissed for only two runs over the 100, their prospects did not appear too bright.

Ng, after an indifferent start, has developed into one of the most consistent bowlers in the Division, only Pope, of the Police, finishing up with a higher wickets "bag."

University, when they went in to bat, were also in difficulties and had not Teoh compiled a more than useful 36, Navy would not have been given any trouble at all.

As it was, Teoh's fine effort was wasted, but the excitement in the closing stages, made the long trip to Pokfulum well worth the effort. Jeffery, Church and Hutley bore the brunt of the attack and bore it very well, the latter eventually clean-bowling Tan to give his side victory.

C.C.C. LET CHANCE SLIP

At the H. K. C. C., Craigengower, who prior to this game had a record identical with that of Navy had the game with the Club juniors within their grasp, when they dismissed that powerful batting side for a meagre 123 runs and were well on road to success. A rot set in and their last six batsmen only secured 26 runs between them to carry their total just over the 100.

Craigengower's bowlers were in great form and all the Home batsmen experienced great difficulty in getting the ball away, Batsmen of the calibre of Armstrong, Stokes, Paterson, Mitchell and Blake had scores of under 20 and actually, extras with 22, top-scored. Omar, Lam and Iranee met with most success with the ball, sharing eight cheap wickets between them.

When Rapley and Lim were associated in a useful second wicket partnership, Leonard helped with 16, and the score-board showed 66 for 4, it seemed more than possible that the Valley Club would achieve their ambition.

It was not to be. Came that collapse. All later batsmen failed miserably and they fell short of their object by 15 runs.

KOWLOON GAMES

In Kowloon, two teams which at the beginning of the season were considered to have more than useful chances of finishing up with the leaders but have since proved most disappointing, concluded the season by showing something of the form of which both are capable.

K. C. C. did very well to beat the powerful Police team by 31 runs after being dismissed for only 94. For this total they have to thank young Bertram Lay, recently discarded by the senior team, who scored a very fine 45, and Reggie Broadbridge who was the only other double-figure scorer with 19. Carey was the main source of the Kowloon team's batting failure as he took 6 wickets for 31 runs.

With the exception of Pope and to a lesser extent, Carruthers, Police batting failed miserably, despite their comparatively simple task, and the whole side were out for 63.

Sargent was again to the fore in the K. C. C. attack his performance on this occasion again making one wonder if he might not have served the first team with similar distinction. His bowling in this match brought him 6 for 18 and his record for his last two games is 18 for 32!

RECREIO OUTPLAYED

On an adjoining ground, Recreio failed in all departments against I. R. C. and were completely outplayed. Young K. M. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu both made useful contributions to the Winners' total of 137 for 4 dec., and Recreio, all batting like a collection of rabbits with the exception of L. G. Gosano, were out for 52.

N. Singh was the most successful I. R. C. bowler, taking 7 for 13 but I felt that these figures were due rather to the oppositions' bad batting than to his bowling skill. He obtained an abnormal number of wickets off rank bad balls.

And so, one more League cricket season is now behind us. It has proved itself to be as interesting as ever and has been a further illustration of how enjoyable rule-governed games can really be.

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12.30 p.m.—Billy Mayerl (Piano).
Limehouse Blues (Braham—trans. Mayerl).
Orange Blossom (A syncopated Impression).
Three Dances In Syncopation:
1. English Dance.
2. Cricket Dance.
3. Harmonica Dance.
12.42 p.m.—Roy Fox & His Orchestra.
The Wanderers—Fox-Trot (Bernard & Webster).
You Do The Darndest Things, Baby (From 'Harmony Parade').
My First Love Song—Waltz (From 'Queen of Hearts').
Would You — Waltz (From 'San Francisco').
Harbour Lights—Fox-Trot (Williams & Kennedy).
The Changing Of The Guard—Fox-Trot (Scholl & Jerome).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Haydn — Symphony No. 45 ("Farewell") In F Sharp Minor. Played by The London Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Sir Henry J. Wood.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).
Still As The Night (Carl Bohm).
Calming Of The Tempest (Durrner—Falk).
Nobody Could Love You More (From Operetta 'Paganini').
1.50 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
From Foreign Lands (Moszkowski). Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schmalstich.
Homage March (Haydn Wood); Concert Waltz—"Joyousness" (Haydn Wood).....Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Records.
Orchestra—Old Pal Of Mine—Slow Fox-Trot (Box, Cox & Roberts; Dance The Moonlight Waltz With Me—Waltz (Green & Grundland). Mantovani and His Orchestra.
Orchestra — Lonely Troubadour — Tango (Miller & Bory): Mantovani and His Orchestra.
7.10 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.15 p.m. — London Relay — 'Hughie Green and His Gang'—With his latest juvenile successes and band.
7.45 p.m.—Studio—A talk on 'What do we want for our Daughters' by 'Sabrina'.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—London Relay—'Food for Thought'. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
8.25 p.m.—Natan Milstein (Violin).
La Campanella (Rondo from 'Concerto No. 2 in B Minor'—Paganini—Op. 7 Arr. Kreisler).
Romance (Second Movement from 'Concerto No. 2'—Wieniawski Op. 22).
Polonaise Brilliante in D Major (Wieniawski—Op. 4).
8.37 p.m.—Orchestral Organ Prologue.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent — 30th series of opera. "More Voices of the Past". HMV DA 1229, D 1990, DB 1421, D 2002, D 2000. Polyden B 22418.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 36. Played by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Clemens Krauss.
10.23 p.m.—Songs by Gerhard Husch (Baritone).
Die Beiden Grenadiere (Heine & Schumann—Op. 59, No. 1).
Die Ehre Gottes Aus Der Natur (Beethoven—Op. 48, No. 4).
10.30 p.m.—Vladimir Horowitz (Piano)
Traumeswirren, Op. 12, No. 7 (Schumann).
Mazurka In E Minor, Op. 41, No. 2 (Chopin).
Valse Oubliee (Liszt).
Capriccio In F Minor (Dohnanyi).
10.43 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Leo Fall—Potpourri (Arr. Dostal).
Potpourri of Waltzes (Robrecht).
11 p.m.—London Relay — 'America Speaks'—4. A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.
11.20 p.m.—Close down.

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8.20 a.m.—'Cards on the Table.'
8.40 a.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
8.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.00 a.m.
9.15 a.m.—Close Down.

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11.45 a.m.—The Glasgow Corporation Transport Department Pipe Band.
12.50 p.m.—'Food for Thought.'
12.25 p.m.—Dance Music.
1.00 p.m.—Julius Kantrovitch and his Orchestra.
1.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
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2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra.
3.00 p.m.—Talk: 'America Speaks'—4. A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.
3.20 p.m.—'Dancing Time.'
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
4.30 p.m.—'Will You Be Mine . . . . . ?' With extracts from the novels and plays of Charlotte Bronte, William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, and St. John Ervine.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A New Type Of Complaint

An expert friend of mine has a brand new type of complaint. According to him, for the last six months he has held only a small part of his legitimate quota of aces and kings. (This, I hasten to add, is not the *new* complaint of which I spoke. It is the oldest and most hackneyed one I know.)

After holding umpty-ump busts in a row," my friend wails, "I finally was dealt a couple of tricks, probably by mistake, and—you know what? I had to throw them both away in order to beat a slam contract!"

He spoke the literal truth. This was the hand:

North, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S.—A Q
H.—K 9 5 3
D.—A 10 7 4 2
C.—8 6

WEST	EAST
S.—10 9 8 6 3 2	S.—J 5 4
H.—7	H.—8 6
D.—6	D.—J 9 8 5 3
C.—Q 10 5 4 2	C.—A K 7

SOUTH
S.—K 7
H.—A Q J 10 4 2
D.—K Q
C.—J 9 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 diamond	Pass	1 heart	Pass
3 hearts	Pass	6 hearts	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The fact that South was not using any slam conventions that would have located control cards was responsible for his landing in a slam contract with two immediate club losers. It was just luck that West's holding was such that he did not get off to a club lead. This gave declarer a splendid play for the bad contract, but justice triumphed in the end, nevertheless.

The spade ten was the lead, and the trick was won with the queen. After two rounds of hearts declarer laid down the king and queen of diamonds, and had the gall to be shocked when the bad diamond break was disclosed. It must be admitted, however, that he then proceeded to put up a terrific battle for his contract.

He led a trump to dummy's king, East discarding a spade. A low diamond was then ruffed, and the jack of hearts was led. East let go his last spade. The ten of hearts followed, dummy discarding a club, and East now made the first of his brilliant discards. He could see quite clearly what was coming, and made up his mind that the contract might be made in spite of him, but certainly not with his aid. He let go the club king. Declarer next led the king of spades to dummy's ace and on this trick East nonchalantly threw the club ace!

Declarer saw that there was just one chance left and that was that East still held the club queen. He therefore led dummy's singleton, praying that East would be locked on lead and have to return a diamond up to dummy's tenace. But East's bold unblock had been effective. He now could avoid winning a trick that would have been an intolerable burden. West gobbled up the queen and ten of clubs and cashed a spade, for the second setting trick.

East's discards of the ace and king of clubs may appear sensational, but they were, in sober truth, based on the simplest logic. Declarer had shown six hearts, two spades, and three diamond tricks. If he had the club queen in his own hand there was nothing to be done about it, because East had to guard the diamond suit and therefore could keep only one club. If that one meant winning the trick, it also would mean being "end-played." Thus, East's one hope was to play West for the club guards and to keep out of the way of a throw-in play.

In this particular hand, it is to be suspected that East's wailing that he had to throw away tricks was done with his tongue in his cheek.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Dealer opened the bidding with one club. What is my correct bid, second hand, with the following:

S.—A K 8 6 3, H.—A K 9 7 4, D.—7, C.—8 2?

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Ominous Air Of Tension In Prague

Prague, To-day.

An ominous air of tension hung over the Czecho-Slovakian Parliament last night when Herr Henlein, leader of the German minority, launched a vitriolic attack on the Czech Government.

Herr Henlein's speech, which followed that made by Herr Frank, another Sudeten German, the previous day, contained a frank warning to the Czech Government to take note of the events in Austria.

Herr Henlein practically intimated that Czecho-Slovakia would come next, and said that "you should realise that you cannot oppress forever a minority which is determind to obtain its rights."

Most significant portion of his speech, which was listened to in dead silence, occurred at the end, when he declared: "I warn you not to wait until it is too late," and, turning significantly to the clock in the Chamber, added: "It is now five minutes to twelve."

OPPOSITION GROWS

Meanwhile, two of the three German minority parties in Czecho-Slovakia have now joined in opposition to the Prague Government.

The German Agrarian Party, which has hitherto shown no desire to align itself behind Herr Henleins' Nazis, yesterday announced withdrawal of its support of the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

SPANISH APPEAL TO U.S.A.

Washington, To-day.

The Spanish Republican Government has appealed to the United States Government for the right to buy arms in America, according to the Spanish Ambassador in Washington.

The Ambassador expressed the hope that other Democratic countries, and notably Great Britain, would not deny the Spanish Government this privilege.—Reuter.

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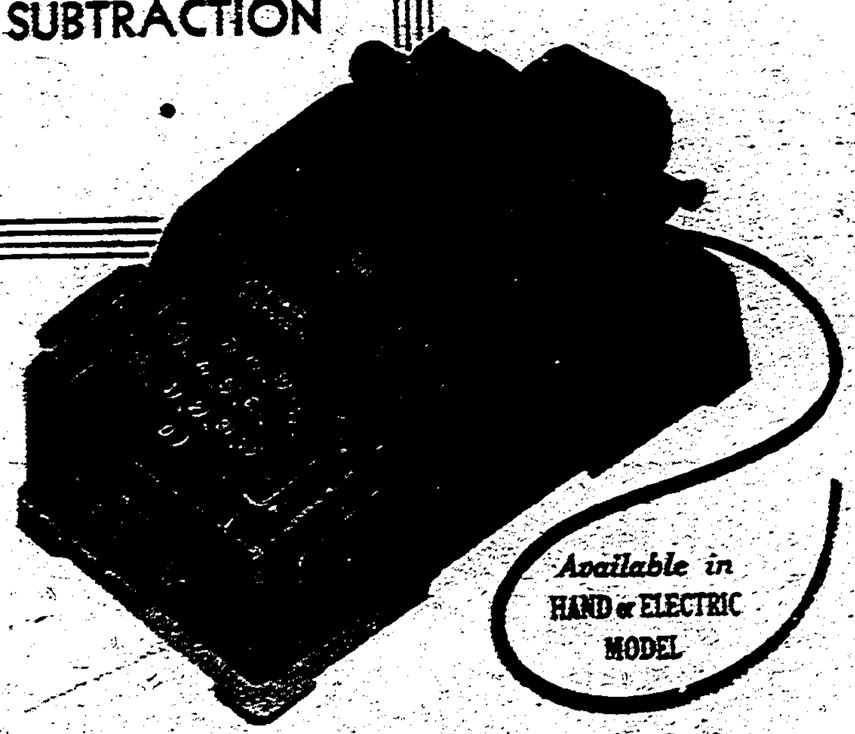

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TERRIBLE CASUALTIES IN BARCELONA

Barcelona, To-day.

Six hundred were killed and 1,000 wounded in yesterday's air raids on Barcelona, according to the latest reliable estimate.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Spanish Nationalist planes continued to bomb Barcelona throughout yesterday afternoon, according to press reports here. The raiders appeared over the Catalan capital at short intervals and dropped numerous bombs.—Trans-Ocean.

UNDERGROUND DISASTER

Barcelona, To-day.

Yesterday's air raids on Barcelona continued with practically no interruption for over four hours.

One bomb exploded at the entrance to the underground railway at the very moment when a large crowd was seeking shelter.

It is estimated that in this tragedy well over 100 were killed and an equal number injured.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. P. F. White, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, has reported that a battery, valued at $30, was stolen from his car.

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